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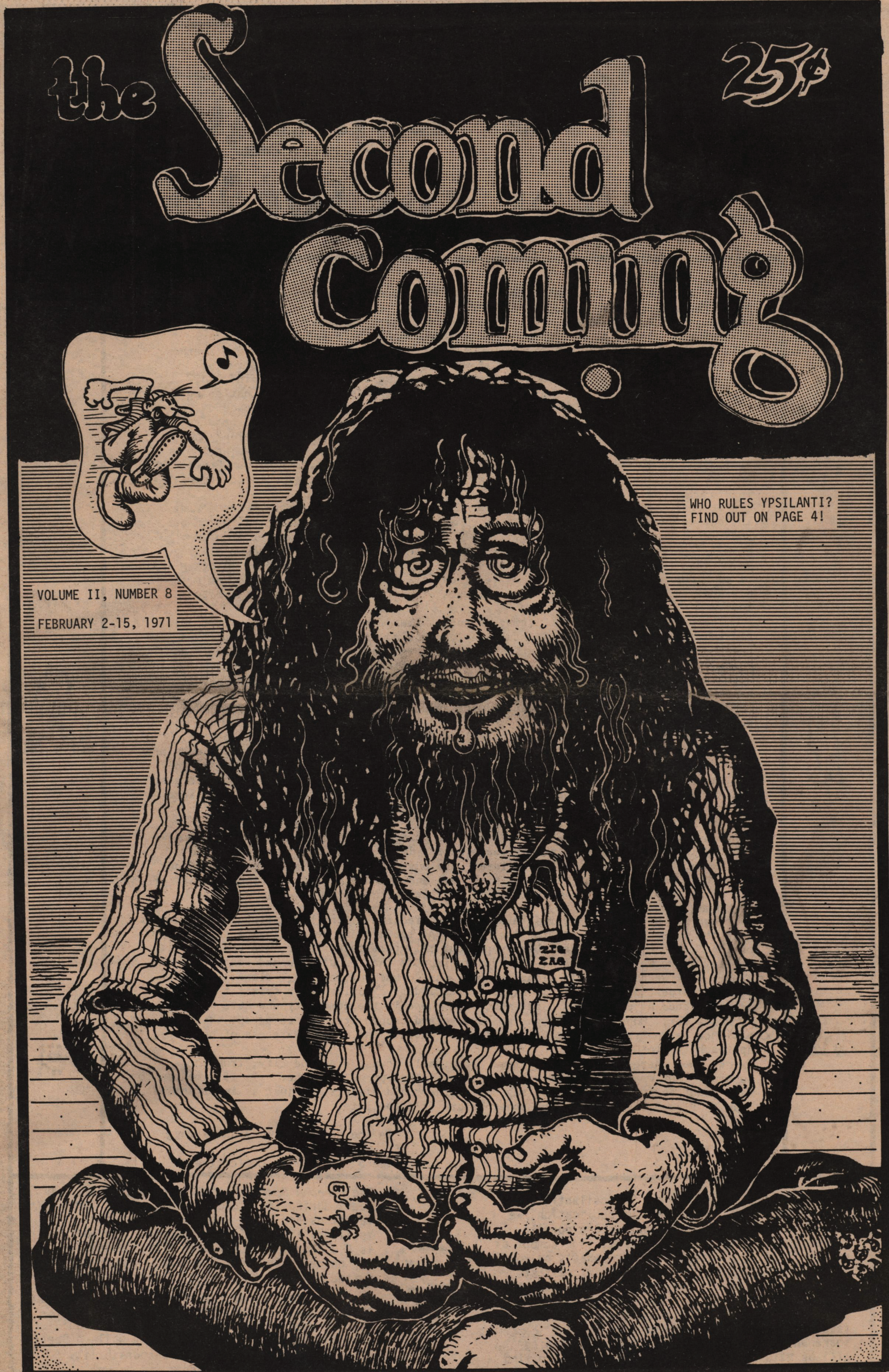

WHO RULES YPSILANTI?
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Second Thoughts

WHERE ARE WE?

Sisters and Brothers,

For too long we have kept ourselves isolated from each other--us in our media-perpetrated image, the supposed "movement leaders," and you in your roles as the spectators or critics of us. It is time now for us to abandon the stereotypes we have of each other and develop a new understanding of where we're at--now. By relating to you in total honesty maybe we can begin to communicate with one another.

When we originally came together it was because we thought of ourselves as revolutionaries and that by combining our energies we could hopefully find a direction to head in. The thing we didn't realize then was that we were not being up front with each other, and were hiding our real feelings behind a facade of the revolutionary way we *wanted* to be. We were afraid--we've been *taught* to be afraid of each other and of ourselves. Although we detested the word "competition" and all it stood for, in a weird way we were competitive with each other. We were so preoccupied with relating to the community, measuring one criticism of our "tactics" and newspaper against the other, that we somehow overlooked the importance of relating to *each other*, the 16 of us who lived in the same house.

Several people are moving out of the collective now and some others are moving in, but we could all foresee the split coming as soon as we saw the division in our politics. The emphasis on the political thing was so heavy that we let it practically control our personal attitudes toward one another. Our last house meeting released a lot of tensions, frustrations and suspicions that had been building up inside of us. Our honesty with each other resulted in a new awareness of each other's individuality. Now we are splitting from each other in a mood of mutual respect and love.

The point is: Collective living is not an immediate solution to all our middle-class-inspired brainwashing. It takes a long period of struggling with ourselves before we are even convinced that we have been brainwashed--which might be a frightening conclusion to some of us. Moving out of nuclear families into one which opposes the concept of "leaders" teaches us that we have indeed been fucked over by society so badly that we find we still have roles--*and we don't want them any more*. Many people find it hard to shake the urge to dominate which they learned in their earlier environment.

Collective living means seeing ourselves in each other and therefore for the first time in our lives *forces* us to face up to ourselves. No, it is not an immediate solution to the damage this system has done to us by lying to us and telling us to lie to each other--it is a slow process of learning that in order to survive, we must unlearn all that has kept us as a people separated from each other. It is a chance to grow into something more than what our parents expect of us.

The situation with our collective is probably reflective of a numbed spirit prevailing across the country.Many of the once laughing, dancing flower children are now rotting in prisons for smoking marijuana or for doing in the only way they could something to destroy a decaying culture. And our paper in turn reflects part of our collective because we can only work with what and whom we have. And since not all of the people who work on the *Second Coming* are living in the house we do not have that much.

Those of us who will be remaining are prepared for a long hard struggle in order to keep the paper going and pay for our house. At the present we are losing some money on the *Second Coming* and just barely put out this particular issue. In order for it to stay alive we must think of some way to improve the circulation and content of the paper. But we cannot do it alone. Nobody can do much of anything--alone.

The hardest struggle of all might be rebuilding a family and a spirit that has been weakened by continuous harassment from those in the community who hate what we stand for. Hopefully, though, we have gained enough strength to accept this experience as one that brought us love for one another and a new awareness of how to approach the future.

We know where we are coming from: from small towns, from the city, from the suburbs. But we see now that we are each as fucked up as the other. It is time now to care about each other enough to say "My brothers and sisters are just as important as I am." Please let us help each other before it's too late.

In the spirit of love and struggle,

The *Second Coming* Collective

Greetings!!!!!! If you're new to Ypsilanti, or this is your first glance at our publication, we would like to let you know that we are open to communication with you. Whether it is a coment ot or a criticism, please let us know what's on your mind. The *Second Coming* needs writers, artists, photographers, layout people, and crazies to help us keep the paper going. We need people to hawk our paper and a circulation man, and people to take our paper to the printer. So do your share and come to a staff meeting, the meeting will be held next Sunday. You can call us to find out where it will be.

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EXTRA!

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO KEEP ALL OF THAT GOOD DOPE OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE FUZZ.
WE'LL BOOBY TRAP THE HALLWAY!

argus bust

On the afternoon of Tuesday, January 19, a series of pig raids on the Ann Arbor youth community took place. Three houses were busted, one of these being the *Ann Arbor Argus* collective which puts out our sister paper. Many people were taken to the police station, but all but 7 were released without charges. One of the 7 people who were busted got popped while he was down at the station trying to get information about bail for his brothers and sisters. Bail was set at from $7500 to $15,000 per person, mainly on dope sales charges. Two people had their bails reduced, one from $15,000 to $7500 and the other from $7500 to $3750, and within a few days everybody was bailed out.

These busts were part of a political move by the pigs to destroy the youth community. They drained thousands of dollars out of the community for bail. They trashed the *Argus* house and stole files and equipment in an unsuccessful attempt to destroy the paper.

The pigs timed these raids to come just before the CIA Conspiracy trial in Detroit, so that the community would be drained of funds, without news media, and politically incapable of helping our brothers who are on trial. Similar examples of this type of pig behavior are the massive dope busts at Kent State and in New Haven on the eve of political trials in those places.

The busts also came at a time when the Ann Arbor City Council had started considering an ordinance to lower the penalty for grass possession to a misdemeanor within the city. The Ann Arbor pig chief used a bag of organic sea salt (which he claimed was heroin) to "prove" that grass and hard drugs are always found together.

In the days immediately following the busts, the Ann Arbor community had several meetings to figure out what to do about them. What came out of these meetings was several statements to the press and conferences with city officials. These things probably had a great effect on getting bail reduced for the two people. They also made the drain on community funds a little bit smaller and possibly drew a little bit of support among liberals in the straight community.

Also, the mayor and some city council members felt betrayed by the raids, along with the community organizations like Ozone House, because they thought they had worked out a deal whereby the pigs would only concentrate on eliminating hard drugs like smack and speed from the community in cooperation with the community, while leaving marijuana alone. But the pigs showed again that they aren't easily controlled. Of course those liberals copped out when confronted with the obvious illegality of the raids.

What the expressions of community outrage failed to do was to get much support and effective action from that community itself. The campus people were not affected by the busts and nobody did very much to get them involved in defending their brothers and sisters. Although a few good ideas were mentioned, no effective way of dealing with such attacks has been implemented. Everybody is bailed out now and the people are starting to forget about it until the next bust.

What these busts have to teach us is about community defense. In one of the busts, people opened the door for an unknown man in a business suit. He pushed the people out of the door and the pigs came charging in. We should have better security than this in our homes. Doors should be reinforced to give people time to flush their dope. People should not open their doors to people they don't know. Political people should not sell dope at all.

We need a community legal defense fund. To raise bread we could have benefits, make hip capitalists put money back into the community under threat of boycott, and get donations from liberals with money. In order for this to be effective we must involve all of the youth community, including the campus.

We need a system of community defense. A phone tree can get hundreds of people to the scene of a pig attack within minutes. With a crowd of people in the streets, the pigs will know that they might have quite a problem on their hands if they try to bust. If the community is armed, the pigs will know that they won't be able to get themselves out of their situation by shooting a few unarmed people like they did at Kent State. By getting a community defense system together, we can begin to set up liberated areas because the pigs will be unwilling to face the consequences of an attack on our community.

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(MAKE LOTS OF BREAD)

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WHO RULES YPSILANTI? A DARING EXPOSĒ

Ypsilanti is a small town nestled in what some might call the armpit of Michigan, between Detroit and Ann Arbor. Like all towns in Amerika, it has its own ruling class and ruling institutions.

These people and institutions control the rest of oour lives almost without thinking about it. If you were to confront one of the people on the list below and ask him "Do you think you rule Ypsilanti for your benefit and for the benefit of your colleagues?" he would probably, in all honesty, answer "no." He would never have conceived of himself as a "ruler" --in Amerika we don't have rulers, do we? Isn't it a free country? This ruling-class member would just think of himself as a "solid citizen" performing important services for people.

In other words, there is in Ypsilanti and most of Amerika no "capitalist clique" of people who sit down and figure out how to rip off the rest of us. The rip-off happens *naturally*, because of two main factors: inherited wealth and control over institutions.

There are certainly less than 50, and perhaps less than 30, people in Ypsilanti who control nearly all that happens within it relating to economic, political, and social activity. These are the "people who count," the "influentials," the "ones in charge." These people used to be looked up to by some, serving as models for children: "I want to grow up to be like Mr. X, the banker." But in the past ten years the facade has been ripped away. To have a small group of 30 to 50 people control nearly all aspects of life in a town of 30,000 (not counting students at EMU, who seldom count anyway) is to prove once again that there *is* a ruling class in Ypsilanti, one which dominates the lives of the other 30,000.

No wonder most people feel powerless. They are.

FAMILIES AND ///// INDIVIDUALS ///

Just a handful of families and individuals have a dominant influence over life in Ypsilanti. So far, our research teams have uncovered these:

QUIRKS. These are the oldest family in Ypsilanti--true ruling class members who often don't act like it. The source of their wealth is the Peninsular Paper Company--the factory north of campus which used to turn the Huron River such delightful shades of red, yellow, and green as it dumped its dyes there. Some important members of this family are:

Daniel Quirk I. He was active in the theater business nearly a century ago, and founded Peninsular Paper along with a guy named Cornwall, who later got out. Quirk Hall, the theater building on campus, is named after him. After his death, the mansion he lived in was donated to the city and is now in use as the City Hall.

Daniel Quirk II. This Daniel recently died. He illustrates the occasional non-ruling class behavior of the family--it is said that he used to join the circus every spring. Also, he is said to have had trouble with alcohol and "other women." His house was also donated to the city after Dan I's death, and is now used as the Municipal Building.

Daniel Quirk III, nicknamed "Punk." He is the most important Quirk right now, is in his late 40's, and is a director of the Ypsilanti Savings Bank, of which more below. His brothers were nicknamed Poochy and Hoddy by his father's maid.

Daniel Quirk IV is currently in the second grade. He'll never starve.

WARNERS. James Warner was a Republican state representative about 30 years ago. His son, James F. Warner, beat the then and current incumbent, Ray Smith, in the 1964 primary, and served a two-year term before Smith took back the seat in 1966. Currently Warner is president and chairman of the board of the Ypsi Savings Bank (YSB), and is reputed to be the most powerful man in Ypsilanti. Warner is very close with Lewis E. Profit (see below).

George E. STRIPP is a senior partner of Stripp, Roberts and Manchester, an Establishment law firm. He has been Roy Smith's campaign manager in his many races for state representative. This plus his law practice has been the main factor in his rise to power. He is an active Catholic, with 12 children, and is not very wealthy. He runs the Ypsilanti Township Republican organization and is quite powerful, although he is not will liked by the *city* Republicans. (Is all this clear?) Ray Smith owes to Stripp his position on the State Appropriations Committee. Stripp became a Regent of EMU during the 1967 bank scandal (see below).

J. Don LAWRENCE is the second most powerful man in Ypsilanti. He is chairman of the board of the National Bank of Ypsilanti. He used to be president and an EMU regent as well. He was also a senior partner in the law firm of Lawrence, Ulrich and Tripp, which recently broke up.

Peter B. FLETCHER runs the Credit Bureau of Ypsilanti--the local collection agency. He is also a director of the National Bank of Ypsilanti (NBY) and runs the Republican party in the second congressional district, which includes Ypsilanti. He is the third most influential man in Ypsi.

McANDREWS. Atwood R. McAndrew, Sr. is a "director emeritus" of the NBY--pretty heavy stuff. His son, Atwood R. McAndrew, Jr., is an active director of the NBY and also owns Mack & Mack Furniture, one source of the family's wealth. Nicknamed "Woody," he is also the secretary-treasurer of the First Savings Association.

H. Frederick SHAEFER, Jr. owns Shaefer Hardware and Shaefer Toys and is a director of the National Bank of Ypsilanti. With Warner, Lawrence, Fletcher, and Woody McAndrew, he rounds out one informant's list of the Ypsi "Top Five."

Richard K. ROBERTS is a director of the NBY and was also president of the Ypsilanti Board of Education. He is a partner in Stripp, Roberts and Manchester.

John D. RENTON is president of the NBY and also is active in the Rotary Club, an important meeting place for the city's rulers and would-be rulers.

The Banks & EMU

Ypsilanti is run by its banks, like many small towns. It does not have any really large industries within its boundaries which exert influence on it, except Peninsular Paper, and the Quirks have been around so long that their power is much more important than merely industrial.

Therefore, the banks have most of the options. It is they who decide who will get loans, both business and personal, and who will not. This power in time allows them to shape the entire economic and political structure of the town, for without loans from time to time most businesses cannot exist.

Also, the banks are one of the chief means of helping the ruling class rip off the rest of us, all in the name of "business." In Ypsi, one game runs like this: the middle class and poor put their savings in the banks. The ruling class borrows this money and uses it to put up apartment buildings. They then charge exorbitant rent for these apartments, repaying the money to the banks and earning huge profits for themselves.

There is a rather strained relationship between the two banks. Neither has a clearly defined territory of operation. Instead, they must compete for the same large business accounts. There are, therefore, two distinct "crowds" in Ypsilanti--the National Bank of Ypsilanti crowd and the Ypsilanti Savings Bank crowd. For example, when Lenore Romney visited Ypsi last year a party was given for her by the NBY crowd. Lewis Profit, vice-president of EMU and a hard-core member of the YSB crowd, was pointedly not invited, although he would have been had he been associated with the right bank.

The two banks used to have interlocking boards of directors with the EMU Board of Regents, which maintained very cozy and formal ties between EMU and the town ruling class. However, in 1967 the Michigan Attorney General ruled that no person could hold both a regental and a bank director's position because of conflict of interest. So there was a flurry of resignations to keep things "legal"--although relations still remain close. Profit, for example, resigned in a huff from the directorship of the YSB. Old Weird Harold SPONBERG, president of EMU, had to resign from a directorship of the NBY, and was replaced by Richard K. Roberts (see above). J. Don Lawrence resigned from the Regents to keep his bank post. Ypsi Dentist Martin P. O'Hara resigned as regent to keep his directorship of the Ypsi Savings Bank. William Habel, who was chairman of the board of General Motors (aha!) and a good Republican, resigned as regent also to keep a bank post. All in all, there was quite a bit of reshuffling.

The NBY crowd is more "liberal" than the YSB crowd--at least it's easier to get money from their banks.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY --ADMINISTRATION

How EMU runs defies the imagination--usually it doesn't seem to run at all, what with bugs in the food, elevators that violate state law, cracks in Pray-Harrold and the new parking structure, autocratic suppression of students, and so on *ad nauseam*. The most important people in the EMU Administration, and their relations with the world outside, are:

Lewis E. PROFIT, Vice-President for Business and Finance. He really runs EMU; President Sponberg is a mere figurehead. Profit has been around a long time; he started as a head resident of a dorm and just worked his way up the ladder, sinking roots in town at the same time. He does not seem to care too much for money--he lives in a very modest house, and if he has large assets they are well hidden. He is well-dressed not because he has money, but because his son Gary worked at Mellencamp's clothing store. What he cares about is *power*. He is the classical "control addict." As he rose within the EMU hierarchy, he just took power wherever he could. The staff union calls him "little Caesar" because of his uncompromising anti-labor attitude.

Profit dominates Sponberg. No one knows fully the hold which he has over O. W. H., but one method he has is to present his position in a meeting and then turn to Sponberg, saying "Don't you think that's what we should do, Chief?" The "Chief" almost always says "yes" and the decision is made. We also would not be surprised if people like Profit and Gary Hawks had told Sponberg that the "campus revolutionaries" were out to kill him. Sponberg said that to a student during last spring's uprising, and it's surely no accident that Sponberg hardly sets foot on campus except to go from his house to Pierce Hall.

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NATIONAL BANK OF YPSILANTI

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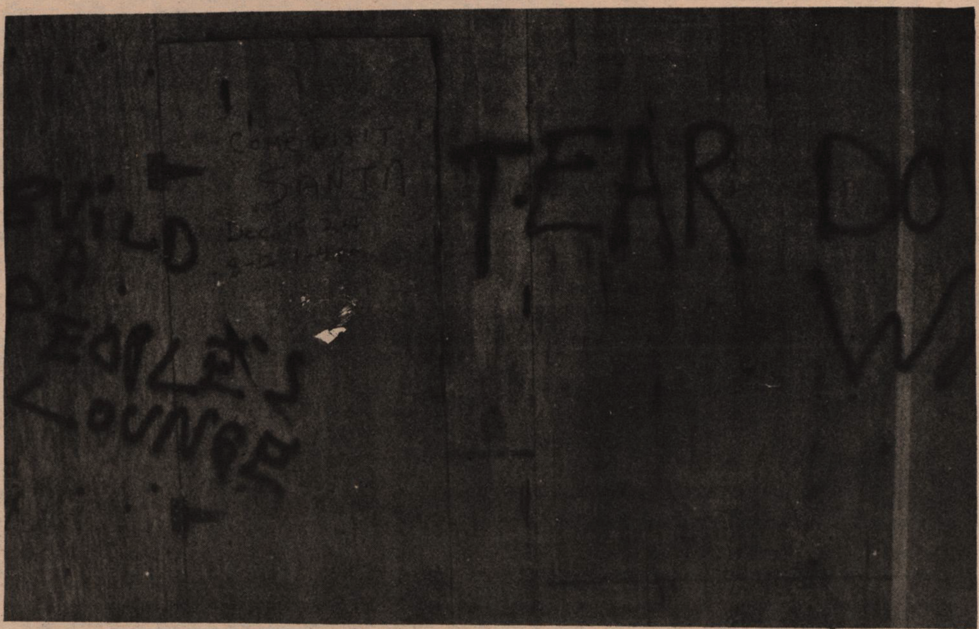
PEOPLE'S LOUNGE *REOPENS*



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We were listening to Dylan, the Beatles, growing our hair long, smoking dope, developing our politics and realizing that at Eastern Michigan University we, the brothers and sisters of the life culture, had no place to hang out. We couldn't sit in the cafeteria because we got hassled by the straights. So we found our place at EMU: People's Lounge. Every day we gathered to see each other. We had our music, we had our politics, and most of all we had each other.

We were ever so present, and we were growing. Our life culture was getting accepted by students at the University, and the EMU Administration was worried. Real live hippies doing their thing in the main lounge of conservative, all-American, ROTC, apple-pie-eating EMU. We were really conspicuous, we partied, digging each other every day in the lobby of McKenny Union. We were easily seen by visitors to the school. Business corporation executives and visitors from all over the country came to EMU and saw all us far-out people.

The first step in repression was a token offer by the administrators that we could use a room in the back of the Union, away from the exposed lobby. This didn't work. We weren't bought off that easily. We continued partying, in the open, and our spirit built People's Lounge.

During summer vacation in 1969 the People's Lounge was vacated for some time, and the pigs moved! Instead of soft couches and rugs, we were fed hard sterile plastic white all-Amerikan benches and our rug disappeared, leaving us bare floor. We were stoned and came back from our vacation to make ourselves at home in People's Lounge. "Motherfuckers!" we screamed, and we began to understand the games that the EMU Administration was into playing. For months we moved our furniture back into our Lounge, and every night the employees of the Union would move the furniture back.

So the Administration got uptight and made up a rule that anyone caught moving furniture would face disciplinary action. Can you believe that?! So we continued to move our furniture, and finally three brothers were arrested for "obscene and indecent behavior" in People's Lounge--the charges were later thrown out by Judge Arkison, hardly the people's friend. We were pissed and called for an all-campus party in the Lounge. This brought a response from the Administration. They sent their own narcs and pigs, the EMU JOCKS, to clean up People's Lounge and us once and for all. A fight broke out at the party after we moved our furniture back in when one of the jocks attacked a woman sitting on some of the furniture. The fight was broken up and no disciplinary action was taken against the jocks. The only action that happened was the arrest of another brother for banging on a waste paper basket.

We had faced enough repression about moving the furniture and we began directing our energy against the real enemy--the EMU Administration. People still hung out in the lobby coping with the sterile surroundings.

When we came back last fall, we noticed that our Lounge had become even smaller by the placement of doors in the middle of it. Finally, toward the middle of the semester, the pigs took their final step in eliminating People's Lounge--they decided to use the Man's technology and use the lounge space to expand and build a bigger, newer information desk and new offices--exactly what the campus needed!

Since we really don't advocate violence, we decided that it wouldn't be a good idea to destroy their new construction. But alas! The People's Will is Stronger than the Man's Technology.

People's Lounge will continue, and we will be in Gallery II of McKenny Union. We will be there every day between the hours of 11 and 3, and you can come there and dig on one another, listen to good music, rap with your brothers and sisters, and pick up on what's happening. Maybe even buy something from the lit table.

So let's get it together and build the strength of People's Lounge once again, beginning FEBRUARY 3 in Gallery II.

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all bugged!

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Ypsi LSD--legal aid 48-50587
158 S. Prospect #5
Ypsi Tribal Council--482-5942
(what's happening in your community, different, Free U., co-ops, and programs that you'ld like to see happen.
Heat-Wave Energies--483-0647
(silkscreening, posters, t-shirts made at peoples prices)
605 Cross St.
S.O.S.--487-1371
Snow Health Center
(helps bad trips, od's, problem pregnancy, counseling.
New Nation Sisters--482-5942
Box 137, McKinney Union
(women's liberation group, deals with women being fucked over on the streets and/or in the dorms.
Second Coming--482-5942
P.O. Box 491
(community newspaper, report to us what's happening to you on the streets or in the dorms.)
Ozone Express----485-1727
(transportation co-op information about ride between Ypsi and Ann Arbor)
Ypsi Tenants Union---487-1470
3rd floor, McKinney Union
(Bogue landlords bringing you down?)
Gay Liberation --Bob Berman
c/o Second Coming, P.O. Box 491
(get together and rap to more gay brothers and sisters)

ANN ARBOR

Ann Arbor Argus --708 Arch
ARM--761-9751(American Revolutionary Media)
Canterbury House--665-0606
(occasional rock and roll bands, folk groups, films)
Food Coop--761-1709(Peggy)
302 Liberty

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Free Medical Clinic--761-8952
302 Liberty(be treated for free)
Ozone House--769-6540
(help for runaways, or help in case of any emergency)
Ride Switchboard --769-5290
(matches rides needed with rides available)
White Panther Headquarters
761-1709

CHEAP EATS--FOOD COOP

Now the food coop is a reality for the citizens of the Ypsilanti community. We are now working in conjunction with the White Panthers in Ann Arbor and go with Peggy and Marsha to the Detroit Eastern Market every Saturday morning to pick up bags of food to take to our brothers and sisters in Ypsi.

So bring your $4 for each bag of food you think you and your family need to: 306 Perrin, right next to the old Purple Haze, every Friday by 3:00 and pick the food up on Saturdays around noon at the same house.

Each bag consists of lots of fresh produce like lettuce, carrots, apples, and strawberries, depending on what we decide to cop that week. If you're gettin' high and hungry, think about being part of the great Food Coop that'll feed you for really cheap, and get to know your brothers and sisters in the neighborhood.

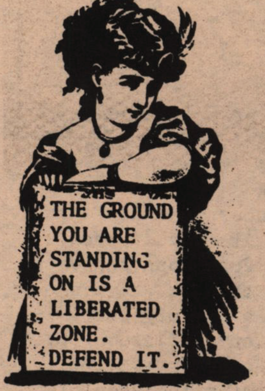
Power to the People who get high and make the revolution!

DONT LET YOUR CAR FUCK YOU OVER or... JOIN THE Ozone Express

It's just logical that with a lot less cars on the road, not only would pollution decrease, but also there would be a lot fewer accidents and we wouldn't be contributing to the automotive industry which controls the pig factories that support the war machine. Not only that, but it would save us money and eventually lead to the downfall of capitalism.

For these reasons alone it should be clearly understood why a transportation coop is necessary in our community. Collectively pooling our energies and driving our brothers and sisters where we can, we can organize a system that will free us from an individualist trip and bring us together.

Donate your driving time and skills --help the Ozone Express! Serve the People. Call Captain Wheels at 485-1727 and watch for the blue van with the New Nation flag on the window!



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Look around you. Haven't you noticed the unusually large number of hippie-styled and peculiarly-acting people wandering aimlessly about? Why, there were only half as many of them last year. They're us! Well, DIG IT, now all we have to do is find an aim and get off our asses and DO IT!!

We do have a community here and now we must learn the importance of defending it. It's more than just arming ourselves. It's working together to build a strong unity between us that will not allow our spirit to be broken. That means cooperating with each other instead of competing with each other inside our own community.

We have finally conceived a Ypsilanti Tribal Council. With it we can independently decide among ourselves what our roles in this community should be. A step toward possible control over our own destinies. The time has come to get down with our brothers and sisters and discover alternatives.

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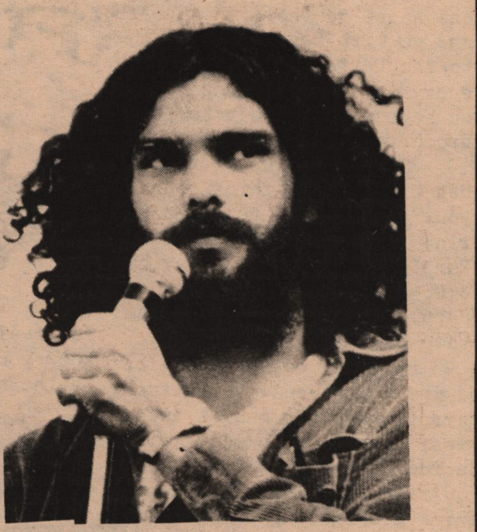

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On February 9 the CIA Conspiracy trial starts again in Detroit. John Sinclair, Pun Plamundon, and Jack Forrest are the defendents against the government. They are charged with the alleged "conspiracy to bomb" a CIA office in Ann Arbor. Pun has been charged with the actual bombing. The star witness for the pigs is Dave Valler, a maniac who fried his brain out with too much dope and turned pig when he was busted for sales so that he could get an early parole. Thus far, there have been two major motions made by the defense in the trial.

The first motion, to readjust the methods of jury selection, was made because John, Jack, and Pun are supposed to be tried by a jury of their peers. Yet not one person under the age of 25 can be on the jury, due to the fact that the jury is selected from the 1968 voter registration. The defense contends that, because of the generation gap and the cultural differences between people over 30 and people under 30, it would be impossible to recieve a fair trial unless the jury contained members of the youth culture.

Yet pig judge Keith saw fit to rule against the people and for the government, thus making it impossible for people between the ages of 21 and 25 to even be considered for the jury. Jack's, John's, and Pun's peers are between the ages of 21 and 29. Thus, our brothers have to face 12 complete strangers, members of a different life style, an alien culture. Once again our constitutional rights go down the drain into the cesspools of "law and order."

The second motion deals with the illegal wiretapping by the government. This motion is of utmost importance to us all, because the government was tapping the telephones without first obtaining a court order. It seems that the government admits to illegally tapping the phones. In fact, Attorney General Mitchell said "he" could tap ANY phone if "he felt" that the people were a threat to national security--with or without a court order.

The defense demanded that the government surrender the tapes to the defense so that the defense could determine which evidence was legitimate and which was not. Mitchell said that he would not surrender the tapes and has implied that he would drop the charges before doing so.

Fortunately for the people, Pig Keith also felt threatened by Mitchell's threats. Keith ruled for the people and in doing so ordered the tapes turned over to the defense. Mitchell is presently oinking his appeal of Keith's ruling to the Supreme Court.

The reason the state would rather drop the charges than prosecute with the revealed tapes is crucial. If they turned them over, they would be admitting the wiretaps were illegal. That means that all previous conspiracy cases would be overturned--like the Chicago 8, Bobby, Ericka and the New Haven 9, and the Seattle 8. That makes things clear: the government doesn't want to lose those cases and if they dropped charges against Pun, John and Jack they would have to.

It will be a victory for us--IF the Supreme Court rules in our favor. But we should understand that the Supreme Court is part of the power structure which is trying to imprison our brothers and sisters. So we can't expect those pigs in black robes--remember Julius Hoffman--to free our brothers.

We can't just sit around and wait. WE must get out and publicly show our support and solidarity for John, Jack, and Pun. We must put pressure on the judges and the government to stop these mock trials and to free our brothers and sisters. Mass actions are the best kind of pressure we have. So there is a RALLY IN SUPPORT OF JACK, JOHN, AND PUN, ON FEBRUARY 8, IN ANN ARBOR, ON THE DIAG. This will start at 3 o'clock.

And on FEBRUARY 9, the day of the start of the trial, there is going to be a GATHERING OF PEOPLE, ALL DAY, AT THE FEDERAL COURT HOUSE, IN DETROIT. It is of great importance that we all support these rallies, which means BE THERE.

Power To The People!!
Free All Political Prisoners!!

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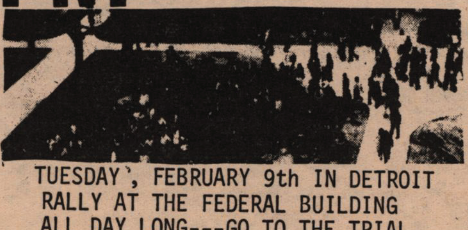

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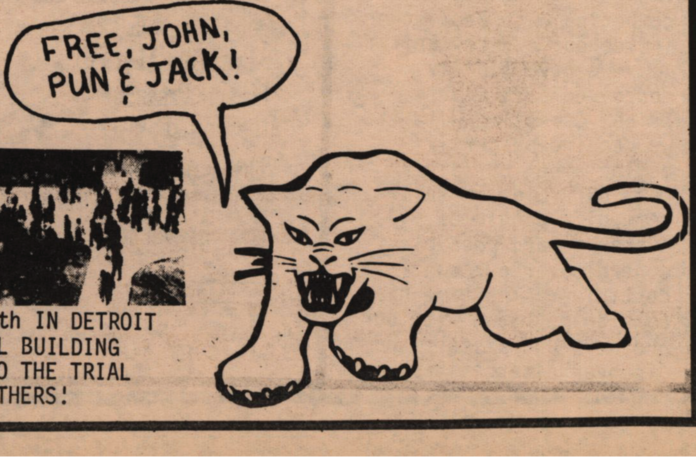
FREE, JOHN, PUN & JACK!

Peace Is Comin'...

The people of the United States pledge themselves to force the government to withdraw totally and immediately but finishing no later than June 30,1971, or by another reasonable date. All U.S. support for the unpopular, oppressive regime of Thieu, Ky and Khiem must be withdrawn and no further U.S. intervention will be tolerated.

People's Peace Treaty

The Peoples' Peace Treaty was endorsed by representatives of 119 organizations and 12 collectives linked in the NCWRR (National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression) at a meeting in Chicago on January 8-10.

The concept of the American people signing a Peoples' Peace Treaty with the Vietnamese was originated when the U.S. rejected the peace offer made by the PRG (Provisional Revolutionary Government) to the Paris peace talks in September, 1970. As soon as the treaty's conditions are met the Vietnamese pledge to arrange a cease-fire, safety of troops, exchange of prisoners and formation of a broad coalition to supervise democratic elections.

The coalition pledged support to many actions including ratification of the treaty by millions of Americans and work stoppages. Nationwide boycott against Standard Oil -- which is involved not only in the Vietnamese war but in the overall foreign policy of the U.S. government -- tax resistance, lettuce and A&P grocery store boycotts and support of the National Welfare Rights Organization's demand for a guaranteed , minimum national income of $5,500 were also endorsed. There are a variety of actions planned for the spring so as many as possible can participate. They include legal,peaceful mobilizations for those people like GI's who face special legal harassment.

The non-white caucus and a number of women challanged the NCAWRR commitment to deal with the oppression of women and minority races in Ameri= ca. The coalition included in the preamble to the treaty a clause stating that "in rejecting the war we also reject all forms of racism that discriminate against people on the basis of color, class, sex, national origins, and ethnic groupings which form the past and present politics of the United States government."

NSA (National Student Association) delegates recently returned from Paris, Hanoi and Saigon with the Vietnamese document which is the basis of the treaty. Many organizations, including the NSA, NUC (New University Conference), CRV (Committee of Returned Volunteers),Women's Strike for Peace, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About the War, and the War Resistors' League have already begun to circulate the treaty.

The first part of the Peoples' Peace Treaty strategy is a massive campaign against Nixon's propaganda. In a Letter to the Chicago conference, the chief PRG representative in Paris, Madame Nguyen Thi Bihn, wrote, "At present, President Nixon is always talking peace, but in fact, on his orders, the war has been intensified, the attacks against the Indochinese countries and the supplying of armaments, boms and shells have increased; and the U.S. government has of late threatened to indulge in new military ventures in North Vietnam." Hogh U.S. political and military advisors are talking seriously and relatively openly about using "tactical" nuclear weapons, which are already stockpiled in East Asia. Even Newsweek wrote in a recent issue that the "process of disengagement from Vietnam promises to be longer, slower and more perilous than in World War II or Korea." (Note: twenty to twenty-five years later U.S. troops are heavily engaged in both areas.

The dove senators and congressmen have joined with Nixon in creating the illusion that the war is"winding down" simply because the level of combat soldiers id declining. But the bombing remains intense -- estimated at two and one-half Hiroshimas of explosives a week over Indochina -- and generals in Vietnam interpret the combat actions needed to protect support of over 200,000 men which will remain, as ranging all over the Vietnamese countryside. Only the names have changed -- Vietnamization, low profile. The war and government aims of a military conquest remain the same.

Reports at the conference by Cynthia Frederick and NSA representative Doug Hostetter, both recently in South Vietnam, indicate a massive increase in political opposition to the United States and to the Thieu-Ky regime from all sectors of the urban population. GI organizers told of growing opposition in the army -- ranging from frequent"fraggings" of officers in Vietnam combat zones to increasing resistance on domestic bases.

At a time when the U.S. movement against the war has dissipated, the Vietnamese are depending even more strongly on our continued efforts to end the war. "Time and time again -- (Vietnamese students in Saigon) stressed how important U.S. support is to them," Hostetter said,"even if most Americans don't know they exist."

Young students, workers, GIs and street people are planning a three day conference in Ann Arbor, February 5-7. Reports on the Peoples'Peace Treaty, the trip of the NSA delegation to the Vietnamese and the political-military situation in South Vietnam and in the U.S. Army will be given. Most of the weekend will be occupied with workshops on the strategy and problems of organizing.

For information about the conference in ANN ARBOR and the PEOPLES' PEACE TREATY call: 483-3594

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Student and Youth Conference on a People's Peace

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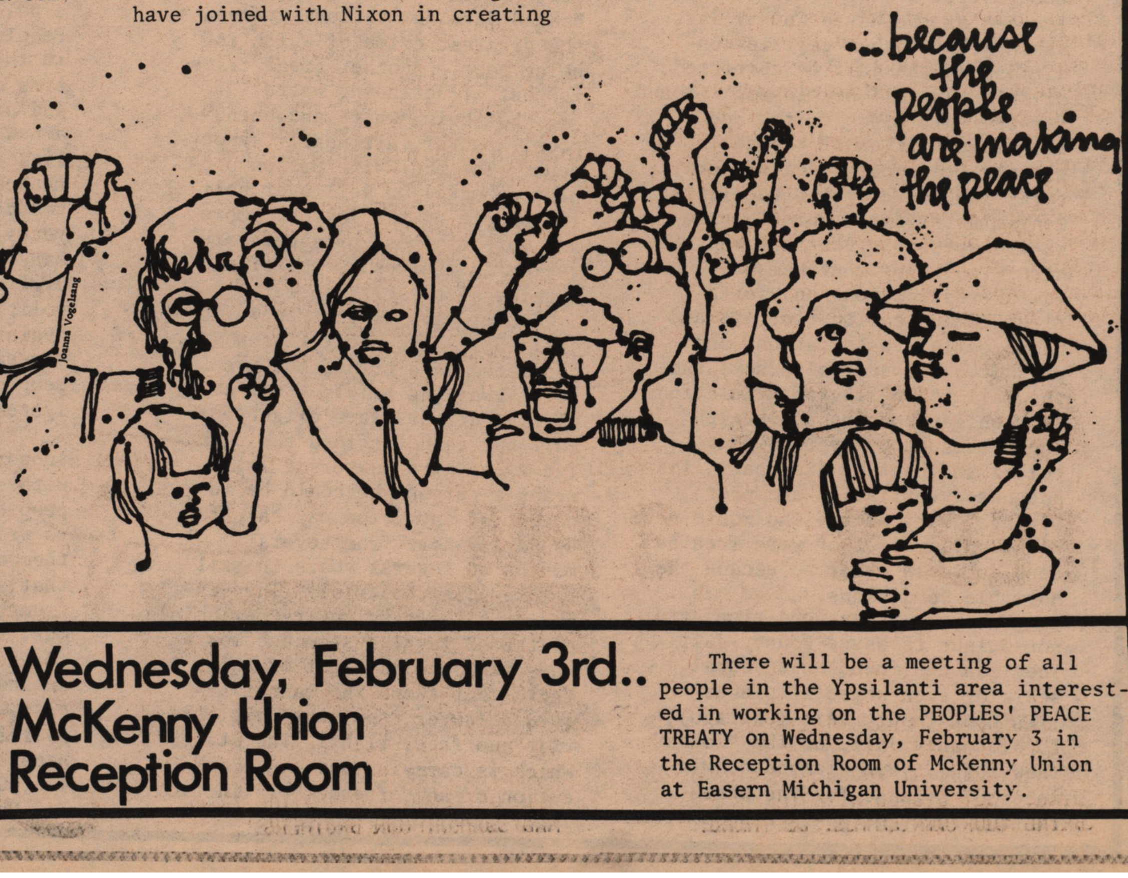
...because the people are making the peace
Joanna Vogelsang

Wednesday, February 3rd..
McKenny Union
Reception Room

There will be a meeting of all people in the Ypsilanti area interested in working on the PEOPLES' PEACE TREATY on Wednesday, February 3 in the Reception Room of McKenny Union at Easern Michigan University.

"WHEN THE PRISON GATES ARE OPENED... ...THE REAL DRAGON WILL FLY OUT"

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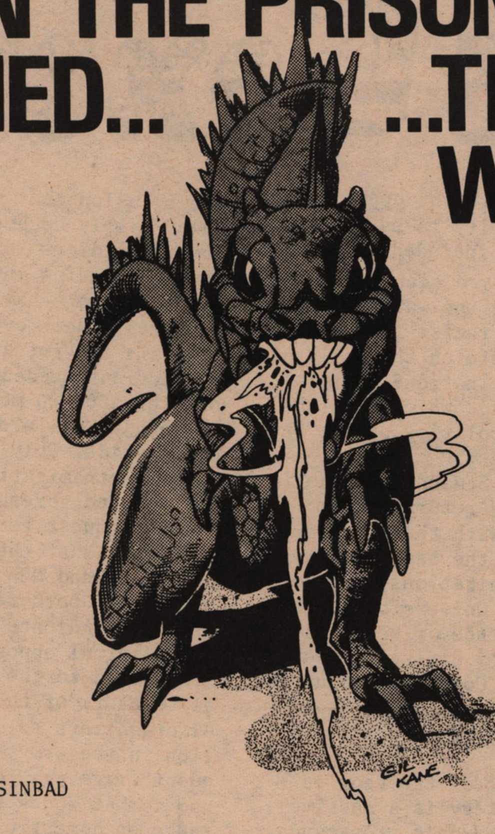


By T.H.E. PILK and SINBAD

Looking at the jails, prisons and mental institutions of a society is a good way to measure its inability to deal with its own contradictions. Imprisonment is the traditional way a society cops out on its problems. It locks them all into one intense hell and more than pity is needed by the unfortunate individuals who become victims of this hypocrisy.

Here in Amerika the hypocrisy of penal institutions has reached frightening proportions. As repression increases in the "free world" (a prison term describing society outside the walls), it intensifies itself tenfold inside the prison. Everything on the inside is worse--the racism, the brutality of human beings towards one another, the struggle to survive.

Right here in Detroit Ken Cockrell is filing a suit for six inmates of the Wayne County Jail asking that either certain conditions in the jail be corrected or that the jail be closed. Grounds for the suit are: filthy and crowded condition of the cells, grossly inadequate medical care, total lack of exercise facilities, contaminated food, unlawful summary discipline (beatings and "the hole"--solitary confinement), unlawful restrictions on visitation, communication (letters and phone calls), association, and privacy. The suit also says that the jail is in flagrant violation of Michigan housing and health codes because of overcrowding, toilet and heating disrepair, inadequate ventilation and poor wiring. Many people who would never plead guilty if they were free on bond do so in order to escape the horrible conditions.

However, these conditions are not unique to Wayne County Jail. They can be found on an equal scale or even worse at places like Cook County Jail (Chicago), L. A. County Jail, or the "Tombs" (New York). Pun Plamondon, Minister of Defense for the White Panther Party in Ann Arbor, has been a prisoner of Wayne County Jail for four months. He's been confined in a cell that is 6' X 8' by himself with no blanket and just a slab of wood to sleep on. He has had severely restricted visitation and mailing privileges. This brother has remained strong, however, and refuses to let this treatment destroy him.

That's what these jails, prisons, and mental institutions across the country are trying to do to our sisters and brothers: destroy, break and bend their wills to what the state considers to be acceptable behavior. If they don't conform, the state will keep them in chains or kill them.

There are now approximately 426,000 men and women being held behind bars for various crimes, the greatest crime of which is being poor. Another great crime is that of not being white.

Not being white and being poor, however, are nearly synonymous. The non-white prison population makes up well over half of the people on the inside. More and more of these prisoners are seeing themselves as political victims of a racist society.

Over half of the people in jail--52%--have not yet been convicted of a crime, but are still awaiting trial. Four our of five of these are eligible for bail but cannot afford the cash, let alone hire lawyers. This means a person who could be innocent of any crime may have to spend anywhere from several months to several years in jail before going to trial. The "innocent til proven guilty" principle of the US legal system becomes a very bad joke in light of this fact. For those who cannot afford a lawyer, the state will provide one free, right? The state which is carrying out the prosecution of an "offender" is in fact paying the salary of the opposing attorney for the "defense." This lawyer is assured of being paid no matter what kind of job he does in the defense of his "client." There is no guarantee that he is not a racist or prejudiced in some other way. So again, the poor are victims of another bad joke.

They aren't laughing, though, they're bitter, and their bitterness is becoming more and more directed into political activism and revolutionary ideology rather than petty crime and individual frustration.

Young people also find themselves particularly victimized by the penal institutions. If they are juveniles they find that they have few rights and that the courts have incredible power over their fate as far as punishment is concerned. When they are jailed they are sent to juvenile homes, prison farms, or "youth training camps." These places are the first step to the adult prison system. Because of lack of facilities, 100,000 juveniles were sent to adult prisons last year. Youth are under great pressure to succeed and establish identities. For underprivileged youth this presents a powerful contradiction which drives many of them to achieve in ways which bring down the wrath of the state.

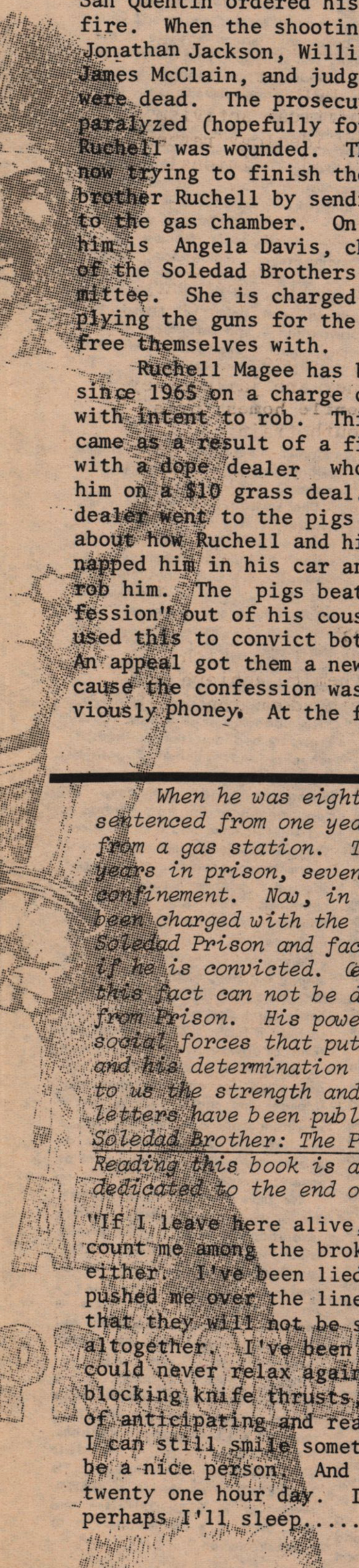
In the last few years within the group of youth, there has been a political and cultural rebellion. Peoplewho have become involved in this rebellion have become victims of repression. The jails and prisons are filling up with a new kind of prisoner, the political prisoner. This brings the concern with the prison system close to home. In the last few years friends of ours and even many of us have been jailed for drug charges or crimes related to political activism. We have to begin to unite against this growing repression and support all people who are victims of the prison system.

We have to go to trials and support our brothers and sisters with our presence. When we have people "doing time" in jail we have to write them letters and visit them often. This is the best way that you can prevent the prisons from breaking their spirits. We must support prisoners' struggles for better conditions and all their demands. And more than anything else we must work to free all political prisoners by any means necessary. Free the Amerikan 426,000--free all prisoners.

Power to the people!

FREE RUCHELL MAGEE

by Maxwell Silverhammer

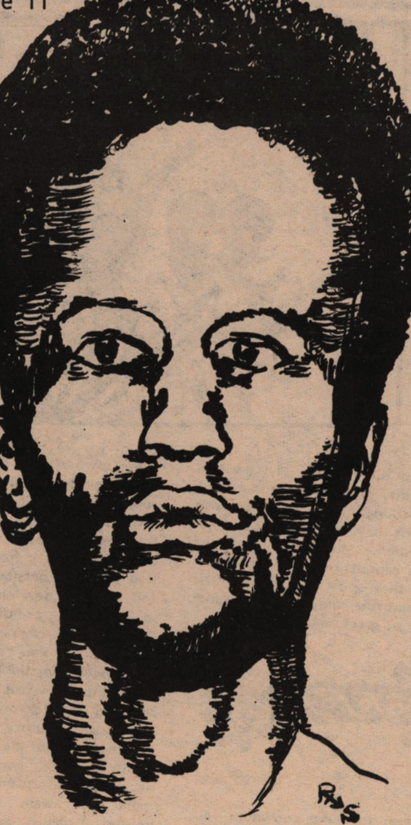


Ruchell Magee is a 31 year old Black prisoner who is on trial with Angela Davis. The charges of murder and kidnapping and conspiracy stem from the shootout at the Marin County Courthouse in San Rafael, California on August 7. He was a witness at the courthouse that day when Jonathon Jackson handed him a gun. Jonathan Jackson was the 17 year old brother of George Jackson, one of the three Black prisoners from Solodad Prison who are facing the gas chamber for killing a guard there in retaliation for the murder of 3 other Black prisoners by guards at the prison. Ruchell Magee, Jonathan Jackson, and two other Black prisoners, William Christmas and James McClain took the judge, the prosecutor, and 3 jurors as hostages. As they left the courtroom, Jonathan Jackson shouted: "Free the Soledad Brothers by 12:30!" When they tried to drive away in a van, Pig Warden Louis Nelson of San Quentin ordered his piglets to fire. When the shooting was over, Jonathan Jackson, William Christmas, James McClain, and judge Haley were dead. The prosecutor was paralyzed (hopefully for life) and Ruchell was wounded. The pigs are now trying to finish the job on brother Ruchell by sending him the to the gas chamber. On trial with him is Angela Davis, chairwoman of the Soledad Brothers Defense Committee. She is charged with supplying the guns for the brothers to free themselves with.

Ruchell Magee has been in prison since 1965 on a charge of kidnapping with intent to rob. This conviction came as a result of a fight he had with a dope dealer who had burned him on a $10 grass deal. The pig dealer went to the pigs with a lie about how Ruchell and his cousin kidnapped him in his car and tried to rob him. The pigs beat a "confession" out of his cousin and they used this to convict both of them. An appeal got them a new trial because the confession was so obviously phoney. At the first retrail he was clubbed by the pigs when he demanded his right to defend himself. A mistrial was declared. At his second retrial, a pig lawyer was a appointed over Ruchell's objections. The only defense that this lawyer presented was that Ruchell was insane. When Ruchell objected to this he was removed from the courtroom. The jury found that Ruchell was sane and guilty. They never even heard Ruchell's defense that he was not guilty. The judge gave him one year to life.

Ruchell's pretrail hearing, for the Marin County charges were held in San Quentin Prison, where he was chained to a stretcher. At this hearing he tried to file petitions to charge Warden Nelson with murdering Jonathan Jackson, William Christmas, and James McClain. He also filed petitions to overturn his kidnapping conviction and to defend himself a against the Marin County charges. The courts would not even let him file the petitions. On the basis of a racist, culturally biased "I.Q." test given him 15 years ago in a Louisiana Prison, the court ruled that he is too stupid to file petitions or defend himself. The racist judges refuse to recognize that a black man can be intelligent enough to deal with their pig courts. The courts first appointed a lawyer named Clinton White to defend Ruchell, but White refused to be part of this scheme to deny him of his right to defend himself.

For the trial, the court has appointed a man named Bjorklund to "defend" Ruchell. Bjorklund ran for Marin County D.A. in 1966 on a "law'n'order-get tough with the hippies and niggers" campaign. Instead of trying to "defend" Ruchell, he offered him a deal for immunity to charges from the Marin County shootout and parole if he would testify against Angela Davis. Ruchell told him to fuck off. The next pig trick Bjorklund tried was threatening to make sure Ruchell went to the gas chamber if he did not testify. Ruchell still refuses to lie for the state and send Angela to the gas chamber.



RUCHELL MAGEE

When Ruchell and Angela were arraigned at the Marin County Courthouse, he bagan to make a statement demanding his right to defend himself. "Your newspapers say I have an IQ of 75; just hand me a lawbook, pencil, and paper and I'll show you it's not true." Ruchell, like many other prisoners, has spent much of his time in prison educating himself about the law. The pig judge Wilson had him kicked out of the courtroom because demanding his right to defend himself was being " too disruptive". The pigs are trying to send this br brother to the gas chamber without even pretending to give him his "rights" under the "constitution."

During this whole fascist escapade , the "movement" has done very little to defend Ruchell Magee. Most of the people who are demanding that Angela Davis be freed do not demand the same for her co-defendant. Defense committies have been formed for Angela Davis that do not even seem to know that Ruchell Magee or Jonathan Jackson, William Christmas, or James Mc Clain ever existed. That Angela Davis is a well known revolutionary leader and that Ruchell Magee is a prisoner who was never active in "politics" as "movement people" define it is no reason to defend only Angela and not Ruchell. Whether Angela and Ruchell are guilty of anything means nothing. Jonathan Jackson, James McClain, William Christmas, and Ruchell Magee are Black brothers who put their lives on the line for their own freedom and for the freedom of their people. To kill a pig judge or a pig prosecutor or a pig policeman in order to be free is only a crime in the pigs' eyes. Ruchell Magee has spent years of his life in the dungeons of Amerika. He got captured fighting for freedom. We must not abandon. brother Ruchell or any other brothers and sisters who are captured while fighting for freedom.

When he was eighteen, George Jackson was sentenced from one year to life for stealing $70 from a gas station. To date he has spent ten years in prison, seven and a half of them in solitary confinement. Now, in his twenty-eight year, he has been charged with the murder of a prison guard in Soledad Prison and faces a mandatory death sentence if he is convicted. George Jackson is a revolutionary, this fact can not be disputed when you read his letters from Prison. His powerful, clean eyed analysis of the social forces that put him and others loke him there, and his determination to overcome those forces reveals to us the strength and beauty of this brother. His letters have been published in a book called, Soledad Brother: The Prison Letters of George Jackson. Reading this book is an inspiration to all those dedicated to the end of oppression.

GEORGE JACKSON

"If I leave here alive, I'll leave nothing behind. They'll never count me among the broken men, but I can't say that I'm normal either. I've been lied to and insulted too many times. They've pushed me over the line from which there can be no retreat. I know that they will not be satisfied until they've pushed me out of existence altogether. I've been the victim of so many racist attacks that I could never relax again...I can still smile now, after ten years of blocking knife thrusts, and pick handles of faceless sadistic pigs, of anticipating and reacting for ten years, seven of them is solitary. I can still smile sometimes, but by the time this thing is over I may not be a nice person. And I just lit my seventy seventh cigeratte of this twenty one hour day. I'm going to lay down for two or three hours, perhaps I'll sleep....

From Dachau, with love,
George"

PANTHER 21

OPEN LETTER TO THE WEATHERMAN UNDERGROUND....

We, of the Panther 21, take this opportunity to greet you with a spirit of revolutionary love and solidarity — that spirit that revolutionists feel for each other — that spirit that our enemies cannot understand nor deal with — that spirit that defies their divide and rule campaign — with that spirit — we greet you.

We wish to make known to you that we feel an unrighteous act has been done to you by the self-proclaimed "vanguard" parties by their obvious neglect in not openly supporting you — by their obvious disregard of and silence on your righteous revolutionary actions. But they have all but ignored us also — so in that respect we are in similar waters. But we wish to inform you that the most revolutionary and progressive brothers that we have met within the confines of a maximum security Babylon — along with us — have considered you one of the — if

not the true vanguard within the confines of the artificial boundaries of the United States of Amerikkka at this time. You related to action — the unequivocal truth — by which revolutionaries gauge each other.

This letter is to acknowledge you actions — and like how we have watched your growth — and to relate to you how we have felt revolutionary joy on both accounts. This letter is also a response to your latest communique — "New Morning — Changing Weather". In it we can sense and feel your frustration and sense of isolation. We know the feeling very well, having felt it ourselves for the last 21 months.

We also very keenly feel the loss of direction, the confusion and chaos that is running rampant out there. We see how the pigs are working overtime to try and fuck things up — but we also see how much of the misdirection comes from these self proclaimed "vanguard" parties themselves. How these "omnipotent" parties are throwing seeds of confusion, escapism, and have lost much of their momentum by bad tactics — in fact terrible tactics, tripping out, pseudo-machoism, arrogance, myrmidonism, dogmatism, regionalism, regimentation, and fear.

Thus the situation out there has become a sort of the lost leading the blind. We have seen our comrades-in-arms sit in maximum security and dig the contradictions out in the streets — get bailed out — and then not be able to deal with it head-on — so that finally, they too became co-opted by this bullshit — and now cannot confront us — cannot look us in the eye. So from our experiences we are responding to your communique because although we can understand fully where you are coming from — we sensed a certain mood and saw certain statements in your communique that sent chills up our spine.

"... if violence began this very evening and if exploitation and oppression had never existed on the earth, perhaps the slogans of non-violence might end the quarrel. But if the whole regime, even your non-violent ideas, are conditioned by a thousand year-old oppression, your passivity serves only to place you in the ranks of the oppressors."

We can see your attitude towards the mother country "youth culture" — how it was "the forces which produced" you, "a culture that" you "were part of, a young and unformed society (nation)." We can also see "the possibilities that exist for" you "to develop the movement so that as revolutionaries" you "change and shape the cultural revolution" — You "are in a position to change it for the better." We can also see that you feel — and rightfully so — the need for more support from the mother country youth. But we feel that most of the mother country youth culture communes smack heavily with escapism — a danger you must be aware of and guard yourselves against.

Another facet to be considered is that there is a world of difference between a MOVEMENT and a REVOLUTION. Movements can go in many directions — and all at one time — and can only be used up to a certain point. Like the essence of the government's power has been FORCE and its agility to maintain a gap between the people's beliefs and the realities of society. For what the people do not understand they cannot control. A movement can deal with the belief/reality gap, but not with force. The only thing that will deal with reactionary force and violence is revolutionary counter-force and counter-violence. Another factor to be considered is that just because you "go out into the air" does not necessarily mean that you will be closer to the people — Look at the self-proclaimed "vanguard" parties.

We can understand your need to build a strong sense of community — it is a necessity for you in the mother country — Just as it is for us in the colonies. Now while doing this we must use this new consciousness and recognize it for what it is — a perception of reality. We — you especially under the circumstances — must realize that "grass and organic consciousness expanding drugs" are NOT weapons of the revolution — they may be a tool to bring you together in a sense of a community — but they will not bring the Amerikkkan system down. Remember — the amount of hard drugs increased proportionately with the growing political awareness in the black community — and that was no accident — and the establishment uses as its tools not only "the killer

drugs (smack and speed) — to pacify and destroy young people" — but also DANGEROUSLY adulterated organic consciousness-expanding drugs. Also these things — these "tools" can also be used for escapism — and again to quote Sartre — "in other words, the colonized people protect themselves against colonial estrangement by going one better — in religious estrangement and wine and dope and organizations and petitions and congresses."

"You cannot build the revolutionary consciousness of a population through political explanations. But military actions can create this consciousness." And as history has shown, Martin Luther King's tactics can only work to a certain extent. It is your duty as revolutionaries to "change and shape the cultural revolution" into a real revolutionary culture — to shape your youth to fight.

For instance, take a group, a party and its supporters with a few activists — it can move in a revolutionary manner against the pigs OR it can function — have a newspaper, hold rallies, conventions, congresses, etc. — then rhetoricians rhetoric, functionaries function, printing presses print, delegates travel, international friendships grow, "leaders" become overwhelmed with "work" — then the prospects of armed struggle — real revolution diminish. It gets lost in the "works" — it becomes to be looked upon as adventurism — always premature — it might "sabotage" the legality of the party — (which if it was effective would be illegal anyway) — it might bring down too much repression — meanwhile, the fascists snatch out the activists — who are not so noisy — but deemed more dangerous. Does this not sound familiar?

We say — Right on! — Use the new consciousness BUT remember this new consciousness of love, creativity, and liberation will not stop the exploitation of the third world. You state that you "had all come together around the militancy of young white people [illegible] racism and U.S. exploitation [illegible]

and the U.S. exploitation of the third world? Remember the U.S. economy is based on this very exploitation and the U.S. is also a warfare state — a dynamic capitalist power, requiring periodic wars tosurvive! No philosophical masturbation or no other "ism" is going to deal with it. The Amerikkkan machine and its economy must be destroyed — and it can only be done with intelligent political awareness and armed struggle — revolution! Or do you believe that this new consciousness can really reach Westmoreland and Laird and Stennis and Eastland and ————?

We are sorry to hear that the townhouse "forever destroyed" your "belief that armed struggle is the only real struggle." That places us in a unique position because, as Che stated — "Armed struggle is the only solution for people who fight to free themselves" — and we have lost dearly loved comrades. Also — probably every experienced revolutionary has — but we realize that risks must be taken — some will die — others will replace them (or us) — like people rapping about ending racism, colonialism, sexism and all of the other pig "isms", exploitation and all that — but these things can only be ended by revolution — and revolution is — in the final analysis — ARMED STRUGGLE — revolution is VIOLENCE — revolution is WAR — revolution is BLOODSHED! How long have different successful national liberation fronts fought before they have won large popular support?

Che stated — "A revolution is a handful of men and women with no other alternative but death of victory. At moments when death is a concept a thousand times more real, and victory a myth that only a revolutionary can dream of." Are you hip to Marighella — Carlos Marighella? "Revolutionary action unleashed by small groups of armed men was the great strength that nourished our struggle." "Revolutionary organization usually grows by two important methods; 1) grouping and training of political cadres to hold meetings and discuss documents and programs; 2) revolutionary action — its method is extreme violence and redicalization. We chose the latter because we feel it is the most convincing method and that the former leads — if not combined with the latter — to bourgeous tactics and loses initiative." "Action is what will awaken the revolutionary energy among our people, that is what will determine the formation of such a battle force that on one will be able to hold it back." "Our methods and forms of organization are subordinate to revolutionary action and we will not stand for anything that may impede and limit such action — everyone of our actions is a revolutionary action and aims at seizing power through violence of of revolutionary war."

We have had too many martyrs. We desperatley need more revolutionists who are completely willing and ready at all times to KILL to change conditions. Just to be ready to die does not make a revolutionist — it just makes a martyr — "revolutionary suicide" and "only those who die are proven revolutionaries" — are bullshit — tripping escapist bullshit — a revolutionist accepts death as a natural phenomenon, but MUST be ready to KILL to change conditions. Revolution is ARMED STRUGGLE — revolution is VIOLENCE — revolution is WAR — revolution is BLOODSHED — and the "duty of a revolutionary is to make revolution."

Many of the peace people are out there, not because they feel a solidarity with the Vietnamese, but because they don't like war — something that is inevitable in any oppressed/oppressor struggles — or they are really Amerikkkan — they don't subconsciously want this imperialistic country — their home — to be whipped. We have no idea how you are going to deal with the latter, but as far as we are concerned — with the former — to quote Sartre —

You must also deal with racism within your "youth culture" — although as Sartre states — the "worthiest souls contain racial prejudice" — we are talking about overt racial prejudice. You mention the demonstrations over Kent State and Jackson State — but there was a world of difference in them — a racial difference — an overt racial difference. When the Kent State incident occurred — the nation stopped — flags flew at half mast — everybody was uptight — that in no way resembles the magnitude — or rather the lack of magnitude concerning the Jackson State incident. The former — as you said "showed real power and made a strong difference" — the latter did not put anyone "on the defensive" except black people

Then in your "youth communities" of the mother country — the emphasis is on individual freedom still, while we are dealing with group freedom still. Thus where do blacks and the rest of the third world fit into the scheme of things in your "new families"? You see, you state that "none of these changes that people are going through are rules and principles." Now in dealing with the mother country — black and third world relationships — in dealing with revolution — in dealing with "the need for new men and new women" — you are dealing with principles — or are you trying to tell us that these contradictions have been dealt with — we are not convinced. We realize that this will be a protracted struggle — but when does protracted become non-movement-escapism-isolation-and retrogression? Those contradictions — all of the above — must be dealt with — and rapidly — without a drop in the armed struggle. As Dowbar of Brazi states —

world." This involves a very basic fundamental thing that cannot involve much vacillating — the people's hunger — 2/3 of the world — the third world is starving — with an average life expectancy of 33-35 years of age. Do you believe that your "Acting openly, denouncing Nixon, Agnew, and Mitchell," and sharing your "numbers and wisdom together with young sisters and brothers" will — in the eye of the octopus of Amerikkka — significantly deal with such situations as South Africa, Latin America, Palestine, Rhodesia? — Will it "blow away" the people's hunger? Will it free in any way any of the chains upon the Red Man, The Black Man, the Chicano, The Puerto Rican? For over four years the new consciousness has known about the contradictions concerning Vietnam — yet the largest mass demonstrations were in May 1970 — that's Vietnam. How long will it be before all of the contradictions are known and make themselves felt about conditions for third world people in this country, in South Africa, Panama, U.S. aid to South Africa and Portugal, U.S. and Russia moving closer to try and contain China? Will rallies and demonstrations — even on a mass level — do much to combat racism

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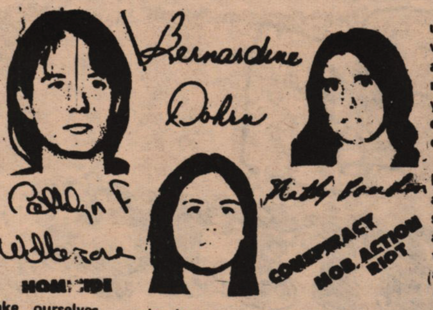

Now we must make ourselves clear — we agree with you that demonstrations and rallies may have some use — and as you state "someone must call for them, put out leaflets, convince people that it is a priority" — but the only way to get good support — to quote Marighella again — "The rebellion of the urban guerilla and his persistance in intervening in public questions is the best way of insuring public support of the cause we defend — we repeat and insist on repeating: IT IS THE BEST WAY OF INSURING PUBLIC SUPPORT. As asoon as a reasonable section of the population begins to take seriously the action of the urban guerilla." You state "People become revolutionary in the schools, in the army, in prisons, in communes, and on the streets." BUT the only thing that "will blow away the fear of the students at Kent State, the smack of the lower east side and the national silence after the bombings of North Vietnam" is victorious military action by the revolutionaries here in Babylon who are in complete solidarity with the third world revolutionaries. Information has to be distributed on ALL of the contradictions caused by the U.S. exploitation of the third world — but while we see that rallies and demonstrations on a mass level are a contribution — like keeping Nixon and company off the streets — at this point intensified mass demonstrations will serve a dual purpose and be much more functional only if they are used in coordination with armed action — military action. For instance — we know full well and feel and can relate to your frustration — like when we were in the Long Island City (Branch Queens) jail rebellion — we felt that the people outside could have supported us in the fullest revolutionary manner in two or three simultaneous ways: 1) mass demonstrations at each of the prisons involved, 2) while the pigs — quite a large percentage — were surrounding the prisons — and if there had been mass demonstrations — more pigs to contain the demonstrations — while leaving the city vulnerable — in this case for five days — for some righteous urgan guerilla military actions, and 3) if the chance occurred — to liberate the prisoners at any jail that the opportunity presented itself. Thus you see — the best tactics in revolution is in CONTINUOUS CONFRONTATION AND STRUGGLE.

As George Jackson states — "Every mass movement in history has been led by one person or a small group of people. Although everyone is born with a brain only a few choose to use it. The difference between successful and unsuccessful mass movements is in the people who lead them. Successful ones are led by persons gifted with a delicate balance of both mental and physical forcefulness. Brains are useless without the nervous equipment and muscle required to execute their orders." So it is a necessity that you — when you deal with the mother country "youth community" — must take this new consciousness love and redirect it — so that it becomes revolutionary love — love to destroy the enemy — love to destroy a pig's life to create a human life. So as you say — it is true — "People become revolutionaries in the schools, in the army, in prisons, in communes, and on the streets" — like Kent State showed what can happen in schools, in the army — they can change sides or desert, you have seen about all that can be accomplished in prison and on Wall street in May about on the streets — if these revolutings are done alone — without coordination and outside help. Thus the underground and military actions are very necessary — very necessary — and very necessary that they are very much together. You must also spread your light of knowledge and encourage more of your "youth community" to FIGHT.

We don't accept the pig's boundaries — thus when we talk of an American revolution — we are speaking of America — north, south, and Latin — ALL of America — therefore even here we are talking about a third world revolution — this is also a third world situation because Amerikkka is the world's largest white monster — and in America north, that is Amerikkka — the black, Puerto Rican, chicano, red man's revolution is the heart and core of the revolution of America north — Also to buttress this is the fact that revolutions come from the bottom up — the bottom becomes the banner — the leadership — can your "youth communities" accept this realization? You must form your mother country new consciousness, "young and unformed society (nation)". — They, as a nation, if they are going to progress as a nation — can either take a position similar to that of France (reactionary — but taking personal swiping pot shots at Amerikkka) or Sweden (neutral — but giving some aid to the third world) or Albania (fully committed to the struggle) (And we can only have full solidarity with the Albanian position) — Because if you and your "youth nation" don't keep the pressure up — not only with mass demonstrations — but also with military action — then — basically — as you state — "Black and third world people" are forced by necessity to go "up against Amerikan Imperialism alone." In that event — we say to your "youth nation" — if they can not be of aid to us — then keep them out of the way!

Now no successful war for liberation has ever been waged without violence — the question is how intelligently are we going to use it? We must fight with gun, bomb, mind, and heart — we must match the enemy AT LEAST blow for blow — AT LEAST! You see — for us things are critical — every day — every hour — how many of our people are suffering? How many die? That's why our fight will not be over until no human being in Washington D.C. is more important than any human being in Harlem, no human being on Wall Street is more important than any human being in Guatemala, no human being in Ohio is more important than any human being in the congo, no human being in London, Paris, Moscow, Stockholm or Rome is more important than any human being in Hanoi, Peking, the concentration camps of South Africa, Dar-es-salaam or Kingston, Jamaica -- in other words — until everyone is free — nobody will be secure. We, of the third world, MUST of necessicity destroy this highly automated and cybernated society or be destroyed by it — NOW!

We need allies — we have a powerful enemy who cannot be defeated without an allied effort. Anyone who has the same interest as we do — the destruction of this evil society — is an ally — all others are foes. Now how are our allies going to aid us? You speak of "Almost random bombing offensive" and "most of" your "political actions have hurt the enemy on about the same military scale as a bee sting. But the political effect has been devastating. The world knows that even the white youth of Babylon will resort to force to bring down imperialism." Well — let's look at that — for one — Mohammed Ali boasted of his "Floating like a butterfly — sting like a bee" — and with enough of his "bee stings" could destroy a foe — and he himself admits — as he got more mature his "bee stings" began packing more of a wallup. We think the same principle might apply here — also picking targets — let's ALL try to pick targets with more care and planning — The object is to 1) destroy the economy — like bombing sites which will affect the economy the most; 2) rip-off money, weapons, and etc; 3) sniping attacks. Bomb factories, mine factories, gun factories, and bullet factories are needed. Let's talk about "Large scale material damage" — This economy must fall — There is a war on, you know! And we KNOW that "twos and threes" can "do an armed action without getting caught." As you say — your power is that you "are mobile, decentralized, flexible . . ."

In conclusion — we would like to leave these few thoughts — we wish you revolutionary victory in all that you do. But remember — the degree of racial co-existance greatly depends on your successes. Secondly — remember that this is not a national war, but a global war — and we who are in the eye of this evil, monstrous octopus — we who are in the belly of this beast — a lot depends on us! Thirdly — remember "In a revolution one wins or dies!" The stakes are very high — humanity versus inhumanity — do you recall the old "Ask what you can do for your country"? — Destroy it — mentally, morally, psycholically, and physically — destroy it. And whatever you do — do it good!

Your fellow guerillas in the revolution ! The Panther 21

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WINTER SOLDIER

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will in this crisis shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and women."

Tom Paine--The Crisis

As we go to press the Winter Soldier Investigation is beginning in Detroit on January 31, February 1 and 2 at the Howard Johnson New Center Motor Lodge at West Grand Boulevard and Third Avenue. The WinterSoldier Investigation is an ' investigation into the war crimes committed as the inexorable result of national policy." The investigation is being conducted by over 2,000 honorably discharged Vietnam veterans.

No one knows better than we do how those policies established in Washington, D.C. sanitized with bloodless euphemisms by public relations phrasemakers, presented to America as 'free fire zones' and 'strategic hamlets' are in their cumulative effect in the field little more than genocide."

In this, the winter of our service to our country, we shall not shrink from our responsibilities to our fellow Americans."

Al Hubbard, an official of the Winter Soldier and a former Air Force Captian, said, "the purpose of WSI is to demonstrate to America that My Lai was not an 'isolated instance' but one of hundreds of war crimes and that the responsibility cannot be diverted from the U.S. higher commands to the men in the field."

The witnesses will testify about war crimes that their units have committed. Former enlisted men and officers from various Marine Division and virtually all of the Army Divisions that have served in Vietnam will testify about ground tactics including free fire zones, search and destroy missions and harrassing and interdictory fire. Former Special Forces officers and enlisted men will testify about the mistreatment of the civilian population. Former prisoner of war interrogators will testify about the torture of prisoners and of suspects. Navy and Air Force veterans will testify about the use of high explosives and napalm against populated areas.

Marine artillery officers and Army artillery officers will testify regarding massive technological escalation and the indiscriminate use of the artillery against farmers, women, and children.

Testimony of massacres, torture of prisoners, murder of prisoners will be offered and will, in some instances, be corroborated by the testimony of toher witnesses who observed the same or similar actions.

Testimony will be offered regarding the use of chemical and biological warfore anthe the use of other

warfare and the use of other weapons specifically outlawed by international treaty, such as the M-16.

There was also to be testimony from some Vietnamese victims, but the Canadian government would not allow them to enter Canada.

As one of the organizers said, "After our service in Vietnam we face our greatest responsibility now in telling the American people of the war crimes that are being committed every day in their name and as the result of national policy."

WERE BEAUTIFUL !

WERE ANGRY !

we are NEW NATION SISTERS

Women in Ypsilanti are starting to realize how they have been fucked over and promised things that have never happened. By rapping with each othe- over the past semester women have realized the problems they are faced with and are doing something about it. We know we can be free and we will be free, ALL SISTERS TOGETHER! Whether or not we are locked up in dorms, or are being paid unfair wages, or can't get jobs because we are women, we are sisters all locked up together. Our prisons are different, but we are all imprisoned by the same madmen.

During the past semester many sisters out at the tower dorms tried to free themselves from the cells they are locked in every night at 11:00. They feared being thrown out of school, but their efforts at least scared Old Weird Harold. We're going to more than just scare him this semester, though, because we are aware of his ruse. We are going to demand changes. Women have a right to choose their own destinies, and no man has the right to choose our destinies for us.

1) We demand that dorm hours be abolished.

Women RA's are planted in dorms as lackeys of the male-dominated administration, and they will continue to fuck us over as long as we allow them to take responsibility for our actions.

2) We want free birth control pills for all women.

Have you ever tried to get pills on campus? First of all, they cost a lot of money that a lot of women don't have. Also, many women still have problems obtaining the pills.

3) We want classes to educate women about other women. We want classes to educate us about our bodies. We are tired of being naive about what it is to be a woman.

4) We want a woman gynecologist. Planned Parenthood and Snow Health Center both have male gynecologists. We can take care of ourselves, and we want a woman to help us take care of our bodies.

5) We want abortion counseling on campus.

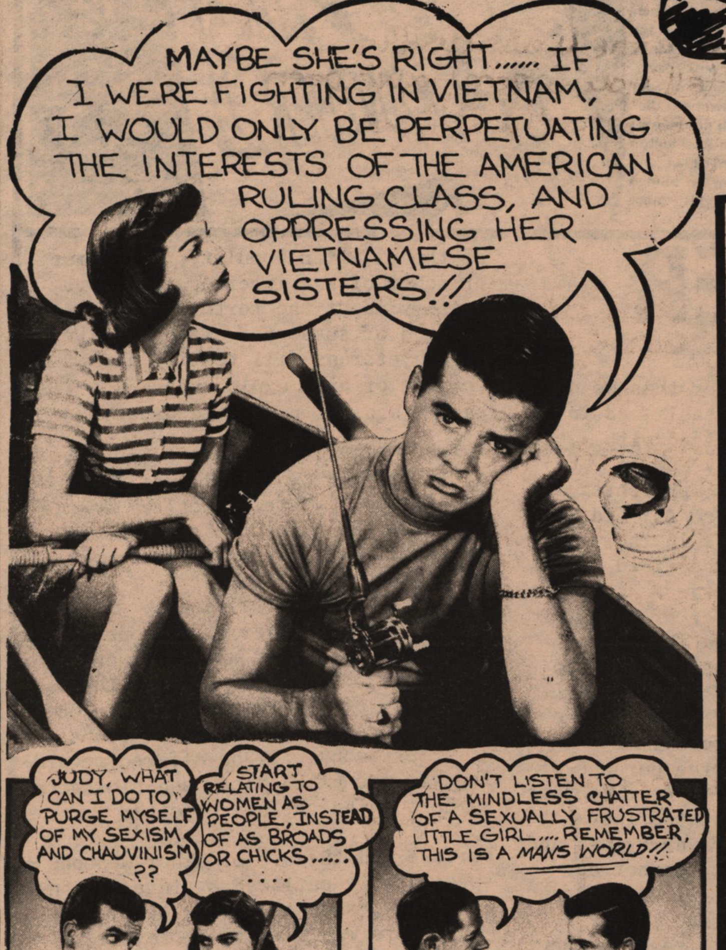
Too many sisters are being maimed and murdered by back-street butchers. Abortions are legal in some places, but sisters have to know how and where to get them.

6) We want a woman's center on campus, available to the use of all women. Women have to have a place to go where they can rap with each other and be with each other. This center can also serve as a free child-care center for women that are working and going to school and need a place for their children to stay that doesn't cost money.

New Nation Sisters will be in the Walton-Putnam Lounge. It's important for all interested women on or off campus to come together with their sisters to change the monster that exists around us.

So, Beware Ypsilanti...or changes to come!

Sisterhood Is Powerful!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JUDY, WHAT CAN I DO TO PURGE MYSELF OF MY SEXISM AND CHAUVINISM ??
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"You Can Be Up To Your Boobies In White Satin...And STILL Be On The Plantation!"— Lady Day

Holiday, Billie Singer
Baltimore, Ap. 1915

The definative modern jazz singer, after whom most significant jazz singing styles since swing have been fashioned. Some of the distinction comes in her scoops of pitch, some in her huskey, course-grained sound, and a good deal more in the nuances she gives both verbal and musical phrase. Her band experiences include brief excursions with Artie Shaw and Count Basie and every sort of recording outfit, most notably those led by Teddy Wilson.

Jazz Handbook

Billy Holiday lived too much. She was born in 1915 to a thirteen year old woman who paid the hospital bill by scrubbing floors. After she was put in jail for being the victim of an attempted rape and for being black. At fifteen she was framed and arrested for prostitution and put on Welfare Island for four months.

Having served her time, she auditioned as a dancer and later a singer in bars. In her own words: 'Mother and I were starving. It was cold. Father had left us and remarried when I was ten. Mother was a house maid and couldn't find work. I tried scrubbing floors, too, but I just couldn't do it."

So she sang what she felt-depression blues. Carmen Mc Crea said of her: "Lady is a very unpredictable woman. Some nights people will listen to her sing and feel sorry for her, thinking she's through. Then, the next night, she sings her ass off."

She sang her ass into the big time--Benny Goodman, Cab Calloway, Louis Armstrong, and Artie Shaw. She recorded and wrote songs like "God Bless the Child Thats Got His Own" and got $75 a song. There was no such thig as royalties or recording unions.

However, being in demand as a singer and wearing fancy clothes couldn't get her into Southern resturants. She had to deal with racist audiences, being rejected from bars, and, in Detroit, was forced to wear blackface because the management didn't feel she was black enough. She was in a movie with Louis Armstrong and played a maid.

She was very aware of the competativeness of women singers. In Lady Sings the Blues, her autobiography, she tells of being on the road with Artie Shaws band with another woman singer who is white and gives her a hard time. They play at an all boys school and both must sit in the bus. "Did I razz her! 'You see, honey,' I said, 'you're so fine and grand. You may be white, but you're no better than me. They won't have either of us here because we're both women."

"It is the easiest thing in the world to say every broad for herself--saying it and acting that way is one thing that's kept us behind the eight ball where we've been for a hundred years."

Love and junk. Lady Day's first marriage was held together by love and junk. Her husband turned her on to heroin, a habit which, long after he was gone, she kept. It got her busted again and again, and she kicked several times. Heroin took her to rehabilitation hospitals, Lexington, and to her grave.

Bobby Tucker, her pianist, said of her: "One thing about Lady, she was the easiest singer I ever played for...man, but getting her to work was another thing. Lady was in terrible shape then. When a person's hooked, nothing in the world is more important than dope. The worst part of it is that she's one of the nicest people I ever met, and, most important, she really fought the stuff."

Lonely Women

by Laura Nyro

No one hurries home
to lonely women
No one hurries home
to lonely women
a gal could die without her man
and no one knows it better than
lonely women

No one knows the blues
like lonely women
No one knows the blues
like lonely women
blues that make the walls rush in
walls that tell you where you've been
and youve been to the hollow
lonely women

Let me die
Early Mornin
whoa, whoa, whoa, bitter tears
whoa, whoa, whoa, bitter tears
Uptigh't
downpour
don't got no children to be grandmother for
grandmother for
she don't believe no more
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No one hurries home to call you baby
Everybody knows
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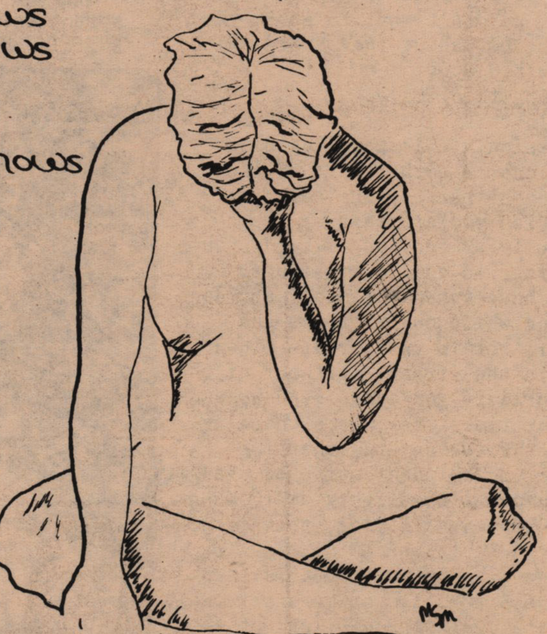
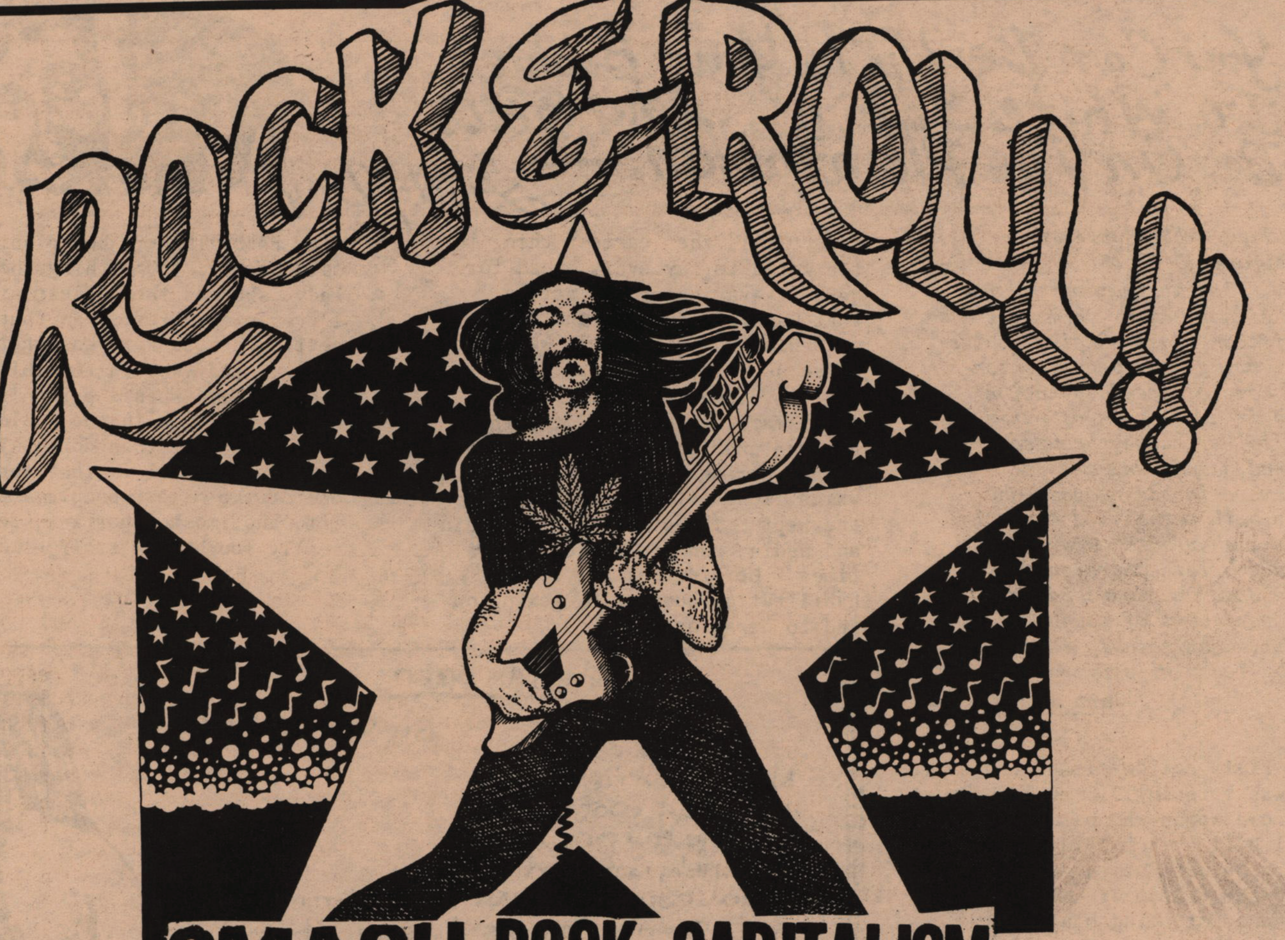
but no one knows





SMASH ROCK CAPITALISM

FREE BOB DYLAN!

Dylan Liberation Front (Buffalo)
Position Paper

The D.L.F. is a group formed to return the money and energy of the young back to the young and not the hip capitalists of the record industry. Many of us were influenced (and are still being influenced) by the biting words of Bob Dylan and other rock performers to move against this inhumane system they so clearly described. But where are these self proclaimed revolutionaries? As for Dylan, he is content to sit at home with his dope and five million hoping the rest of the world would just fuck off. In this time of trouble Dylan is just too busy checking his record sales and getting high to worry about the murders at Kent State or the railroading of Bobby Seale. We don't want to shake you up Bob, but about that "Hard Rain" you talked about, well it's starting to drizzle.

In this time of increased repression, it is becoming clear "that one is either part of the problem or part of the solution." Mr. Dylan you are part of the problem! For too long already you and other so-called rock superstars have taken our money and done nothing while our brothers and sisters rot in jail or are blown away in the streets (get out of the new world if you can't lend a hand, for the times they are a changing). To you Mr. Dylan and others we advise you to open your eyes and get off that all too mighty hill. When the shit starts flying, there's no telling who it is naming.

We wish to point out that the Buffalo D.L.F. is not on a personal vendetta against Bob Dylan but at war against all those who exploit our culture for solely personal gains and give nothing back in return. We are against all those who talk revolution all the way to the bank, (for those who are now first will later be last). We can no longer depend on liberal businessmen or universities to support our revolution. It is time that we get all these so-called revolutionary groups (Dylan, Beatles, Stones) to cough up a little out of their millions to help their brothers and sisters in the struggle. To you Mr. Dylan and others we wish you lots of luck in the coming years because you're gonna need it very soon.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Mike Drobenaire
D.L.F. Yippie

Any further informationcan be obtained at
D.L.F. (Buffalo)
State University at Buffalo
Norton Union Room 311
Buffalo, New York 14214

Tarantula is a book written by Bob Dylan. It is also a book that Bob decided he didn't want to share with his followers. However, some weird person got hold of the manuscript and reproduced many copies of it. We at the paper have contacted someone who is distributing this bootleg book and we are going to take mail orders for the book. Since as of yet we don't know how many copies we will need, we don't know how much it will cost. It will probably be between 2 and 3 dollars. All the bread will go into a floating community bail fund. Also in our next issue there will be an interview with A.J. Weberman and David Peel and the Lower East Side. Write the Second Coming and let us know how many you want.

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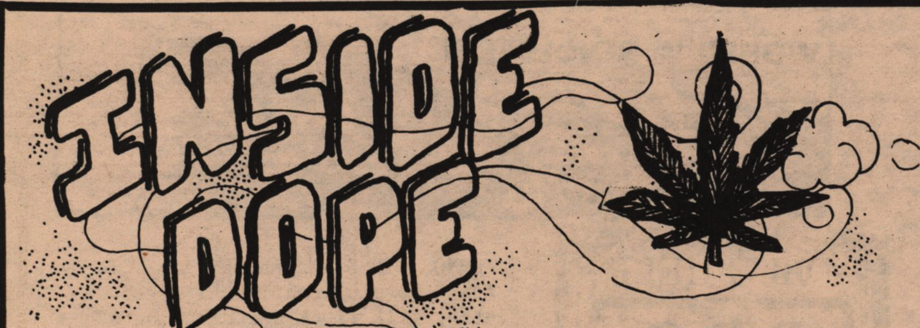


Power to the Tokes!!!! This is the Krazed Kulprit again speaking the gospel from his whole in the wall somewhere in Siberia. If you're new to Ypsilanti, this column turns on people to the finest tokes in town, and spreads the good word about the sacraments, and praises all those people who live for the life culture and oppose those who wish to destroy us. The Ann Arbor-Ypsi community has been the scene of busts these past weeks, and there is alot to be learned from what has happened. If you didn't catch the last issue which ran down a security report for your home, you can send a quarter to the *Second Coming*, Box 491, Ypsilanti, Mich.48197. This report will give you and the people you live with a chance to try and prevent such bull shit to happen. It seems the resent busts in A^2 were alledgedly a political conspiracy devised by the Republicans and the pigs to keep the city from making Marijuana possesion lowered from a felony to a misdamenor. The Pigs were alledgedly trying to show that Marijuana and Herion were the same problem by telling the media that they found herion in the busts, which was actually a bag of sea salt.

Speaking of pigs, Eastern Michigan University was contributing it's role to the Amerikkkan system by inviting the US Justice Department to campus ~~to recruit narcotics~~ agents. the placement center sent out letters to who they thought were prospective pigs, in hopes of building a good narcotics squad. No real big busts have happened in Ypsi yet, just minor fuck ups, but that doesn't mean people should hang loose and wait for the pig to do his thing in our community. We should be getting our Defense Fund together. The PTA (Peoples' Tokes of America) has been trying to encourage a strong defense fund. Not only does the PTA want to get a defense fund together, but it also wants to make the community better, by reviewing the dope for the people. The dope review appears in the *Second Coming* for the people to cop. The PTA would also like to get that bail fund together to help brothers and sisters who are busted. In past issues we asked that you send a dollar to the PTA for the defense fund and we received little response. If all you dope smokers would send a dollar we would have a defense fund to help the people that partake in the use of the sacraments. We promised a membership card, a toke button, and a booklet, but we haven't got the response to even get that together. So if you can scrounge up a dollar to help yourself, your brothers and sisters, and your community, send it to PTA c/o Second Coming, Box 491, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197. The Krazed Kulprit would also be interested in hearing about your latest experiences or questions you may have. You can write me, Krazed Kulprit, c/o Second Coming, Box 491, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197.

dope review

Current Street prices in the Ypsi-Ann Arbor area.

Acid:
Not very much LSD around, the only thing you'll probably find is leftovers, such as the Purple Micro Dots which were excellent, and a few hits of Sunshine which were actually STP. Acid is going for a dollar a hit, 65 dollars a hundred.

Mescaline:
White Caps- Still an excellent treat, this mescaline is excellent for snorting. No speed in it. So if you can cop, good buy for a dollar a hit, 65 dollars a hundred.

White tabs- Some white tabs around with pink specks. It is fairly good. Even a good high!!!! So trip on for a dollar a hit.

Pot
Reefer is in good quanity, Lots of good Mexican reefer around and easy to cop. Always try before you buy. Good size lids are going for 9-11 dollars. Pounds are going for 125 dollars .

Hash
Black Afgahnistan- Real excellent tokes. Make sure you prime your hash before you stick it in your pipe, because it is pressed tight and won't burn good.
Red and Blonde Lebanese Hash - Good Tokes for 5 a gram, 75 an ounce.

OZONE SPECIAL OF THE WEEK
Jamaican Reefer- Real good tokes, but very thin in quanity. going for 15 dollars a weighed ounce.

CIA & DOPE

The Atlanta Constitution is reprinting a series it calls "Global Narcotics Trail." It's by the editor of *The Christian Science Monitor,* who says he has "just spent five months exploring the world-wide pipelines down which the illicit narcotics drug traffic flows." He mentions several "political or ideological" uses of the drug traffic, such as Israel giving Bedouin (Arabic desert nomads) dope smugglers free passage across Israeli-held territory in return for military information about Arab positions.

But the only really heavy government involvement in the dope trade (as a matter of official policy rather than just as a way for a few officials and oligarchs to make money) he cites is by our own CIA:

In Laos, some of the main growers of illegal opium are tough mountain tribesmen upon whom the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) relies heavily in the campaign against the Communists. Opium is the principal cash crop in the non-Communist part of the country. Clearly the CIA is cognizant of, if not party to, the extensive movement of opium out of Laos.

One charter pilot told me that "friendly" opium shipments get special CIA clearance and monitoring on their flights southward out of the country. The same source alleged two or three flights without this "protection" crashed under mysterious circumstances.

The CIA doesn't have to depend on charter pilots, though, to get the opium moving out of Laos to where it'll be turned into heroin—"Lao Air Force planes transport opium." The army in Laos, too, is involved in the opium business. (Of course, the official Laotian military is, to an even greater extent than in the rest of noncommunist Southeast Asia, created, equipped, and directed by the United States.)

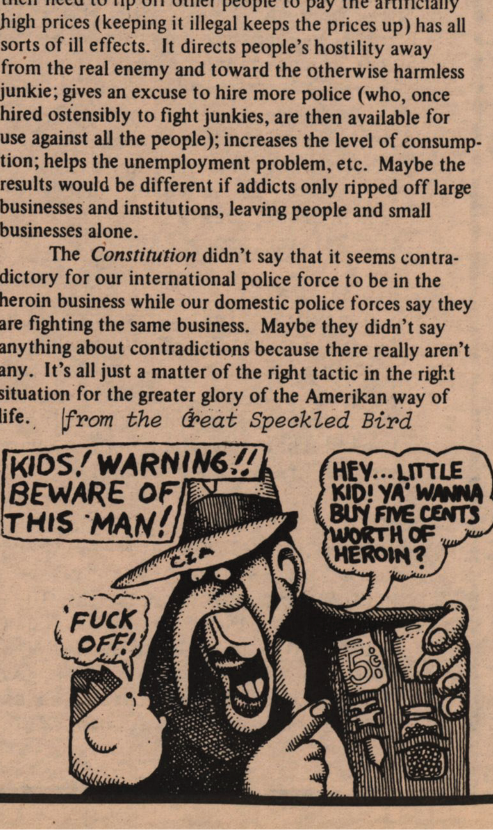
What the *Constitution* article leaves out is that the U.S. didn't just step in and help out with an already existing opium trade—it actually created most of it as a part of a campaign to instill a sense of private property in the Laotian people.

It seems that historically most of the Laotians have had absolutely no concept of private property or possessions. Such an attitude made it damn near impossible for the U.S. to sell them on the wondrous benefits of capitalism, consumption, and fighting communism. But there was a chink in their armor—the mountain people had a religious hangup about gold and silver. So, in the best tradition of exploiting people's weaknesses, your friendly agents of imperialism are helping them turn opium into gold.

The government narcotics dealing has many "benefits." In Southeast Asia it helps prop up a government friendly to "our" interests that would otherwise probably have no support at all, and it lays some groundwork for the expansion of American trade.

And, although the CIA may not have given it much thought, the heroin helps here at home—people cooled out on smack are no threat to established interests, and their need to rip off other people to pay the artificially high prices (keeping it illegal keeps the prices up) has all sorts of ill effects. It directs people's hostility away from the real enemy and toward the otherwise harmless junkie; gives an excuse to hire more police (who, once hired ostensibly to fight junkies, are then available for use against all the people); increases the level of consumption; helps the unemployment problem, etc. Maybe the results would be different if addicts only ripped off large businesses and institutions, leaving people and small businesses alone.

The *Constitution* didn't say that it seems contradictory for our international police force to be in the heroin business while our domestic police forces say they are fighting the same business. Maybe they didn't say anything about contradictions because there really aren't any. It's all just a matter of the right tactic in the right situation for the greater glory of the Amerikan way of life. *from the Great Speckled Bird*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WORLD IN REVOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Sat.,Jan. 23
Sen. Clifford Case of N.J. revealed that the CIA has been financing Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty - stations which beam propaganda into the USSR and eastern Europe - to the tune of several million dollars over the last twenty years.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sat., Jan. 23
The California Supreme Court ruled that a city ordinance prohibiting the sitting on public lawns was unconstitutional because its purpose was to discriminate against "hippies".

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ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, Sat.,Jan. 23
Menbers of the Eritrean Liberation Front hijacked a plane to Libya.

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SEOUL,Korea, Sat.,Jan. 23
A hijacked plane bound for North Korea was forced down by South Korean fighter planes before it reached the border.

CLEVELAND, Thurs., Jan. 28
A federal judge has thrown out the Grand Jury report on the last spring's Kent State University disorder but allowed the 25 indictments to stand.

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WASHINGTON, Thurs., Jan. 28
The U.S. Army is still collecting and storing information on persons oppossed to government policy despite orders to cease those activities.

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DETROIT, Thurs., Jan. 28
Six prisoners of the Wayne County Jail have filed suit to shut it down because conditions are "illegal, unconstitutional, shocking and dehumanizing. TEAR DOWN THE WALLS!!!

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TUSCON, Ariz., Mon., Jan. 25
A state of emergency was declared and 130 persons arrested when police attempted to arrest people for sitting on the grass, setting off the first riot of the year. Street people have been demanding a Peoples Park, the end of police harrassment and freedom to hitchhike, panhandle and loiter.

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CUELEBRA, P.R.
Demonstrators have halted Operation Springboard, a U.S. naval and aerial bombardment exercise, for over a week. The Navy has been using the island for a target area despite the danger to the residents.

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BELFAST, No. Ire.
Seven straight nights of rioting against 6,000 occupying British troops has led to the banning of the crossbow because they are being used against the British troops.

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RIO DE JANIERO
Seventy political prisoners were flown to freedom in Chile in exchange for the release of the Swiss Ambassador, kidnapped by the Popular Revolutionary Vanguard. The released prisoners revealed that they had been tortured in the Brazilian prisons.

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MONTEVIDEO
Tupamaros kidnapped the British Ambassador, setting off a massive manhunt by the government. The Tupamaros still hold Claude Fly, U.S. Soil Expert, and a Brazilian Consul kidnapped over six months ago. The government refuses to negotiate and civil liberties have been suspended.

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Fri.,Jan. 15
Armed revolutionaries hijacked another milk truck and distributed the milk to the people in a nearby slum.

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ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sat. Jan. 16
Another bomb threat has forced the evacuation of the county building.

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DETROIT, Mich., Sat., Jan. 16
Four women have taken a class action suit against the ARA Services, Inc. and their Union for denying women equal opportunity.

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CHICAGO, Ill.,Sat., Jan. 16
A commando unit (The Douglas Mac Arthur Brigade)is being formed out of Vietnam veterans and foreign mercenaries by the Rev. Paul D. Lindstrom. Its purpose is to abduct U.S. prisoners from Vietnam and they expect help from the military,

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DETROIT, Mich., Sat., Jan. 16
Diana Brown of the Detroit Black Panther 16, was acquitted of assault on an officer while she was in prison waiting trial.

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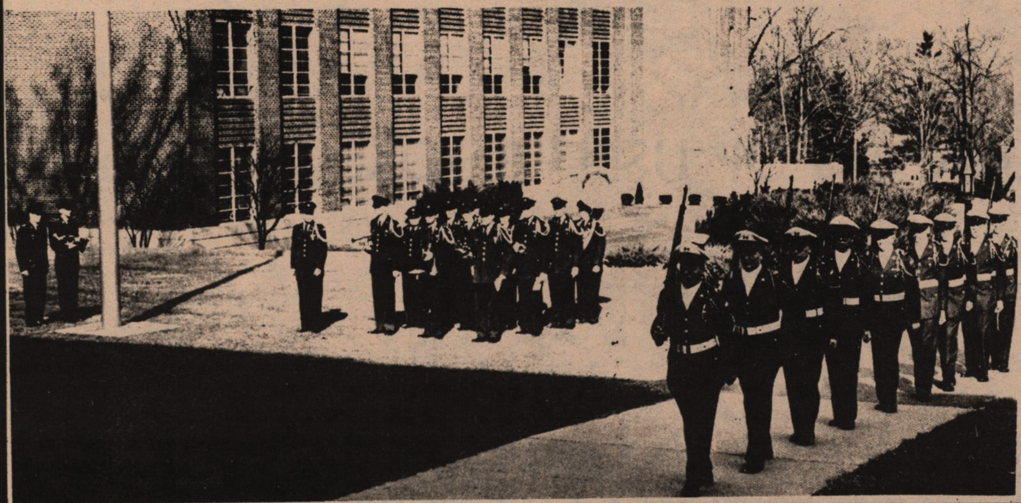
THE BANK$ etc.

Profit is a hard-core member of the Ypsi Savings Bank crowd. Even though he was forced to resign as a director, he still attends many directors' meetings and, it is reported, he has even chaired some for all intents and purposes. It is not known how much YSB stock Profit holds, but his methdds of control probably can work as well within a bank as within a university.

Harold E. SPONBERG is titular President of EMU, although he runs a definite second to Profit in real power. When he held a position at Northern Michigan University he also was on a bank board in Marquette; he was on the NBY board of directors until '67, when he was forced to resign because of conflict of interest. He is an active Republican and a fanatical Lutheran--in fact, when he got here he tried to take over the local Lutheran church. When he was rebuffed, he started having meetings in his house! He spends a lot of time at the Washtenaw Country Club with his drinking buddies.

Sponberg was brought here in 1965 to heal the splits in the faculty caused by the incompetence of the previous president, who was fired by the State Board of Education. But things have simply gone down the drain since his arrival. First nicknamed "the Phantom" by students because he was never seen by them, he is now widely known as "Old Weird Harold" because of his consistently odd behavior and suppression of everyone who does not agree with Profit and him on how EMU should be run.



Gary HAWKS has risen rapidly at EMU, and is now Sponberg's personal assistant and secretary to the Regents. He used to be personnel director before the mass resignations of administrators last year brought him to his present post.

Hawks admitted last summer that he was a deputy sheriff, and has been observed carrying a pistol. *He must be considered armed and dangerous.* His real functions appear to be two: Sponberg's bodyguard and campus coordinator of intelligence. (A commodity in very short supply in the EMU Administration, at any rate.)

THE REGENTS

SERVING THE PEOPLE ?

Edward J. McCORMICK, chairman of the Regents, is an attorney from Monroe. He was appointed to the original EMU Board of Regents in 1964 by then-Governor Romney when the new Michigan constitution removed Eastern from control by the State Board of Education and gave the school its own Board of Regents. He is a conservative Republican and has been active in the party for a long time.

Interestingly enough, Monroe County is a heavily Democratic area, and McCormick is one of the few active Republicans there. So much for the idea that regents represent people from their areas--they represent themselves! McCormick's business ties are basically with the Toledo, Ohio area, as is much of the business in Monroe County. (In fact, the states of Michigan and Ohio fought a border war--the "Toledo War"--over the Toledo area in the 1830's. Now where else but in the *Second Coming* could you find that out?)

Virginia ALLAN is from Wyandotte. She served on a state commission before being appointed to the original Regents by Romney. She is former national president of Business and Professional Women, a leading women's club, and once ran her own business. She is single.

Veda ANDERSON is an Ann Arbor resident and a great friend of George Romney, partly because both are active Mormons. She was appointed by Romney after the 1967 debacle to replace William Habel. She is the GM representative on the Regents, as was Habel. Her husband, who was shot in the head in a hunting accident, was a GM vice-president. She is quite wealthy by Ypsi standards and has no paying occupation. She is an active moderate Republican (Romney style) and is active in the Kidney Foundation.

Charles ANSBACH is another original Romney appointee. In 1967 he had to get off a bank board in Mount Pleasant to avoid that old conflict of interest with his regental post. A niece of his, Christy Carpenter, teaches here. He doesn't seem to do much as regent.

Lawrence HUSSE is another Romney appointee, and is one of the small handful of Democrats to play any part at all in the ruling of Ypsilanti. The reason he was appointed by the Republican Romney is that he headed the UAW local at the Ford plant. He is a Ypsi resident, an active Catholic, and as a worker is not wealthy. He recently lost his union post, and it is doubtful if he will be reappointed when his current term ends. Who needs workers, anyway?

Richard N. ROBB is a dentist and used to be on the City Council. He was the leading Council vote-getter in Ypsi's at-large races in 1967 and 1969, but had to resign his seat when he moved to Ypsi Township last year. He recently married a graduate of EMU, and is an Eastern product himself. He is the youngest regent at 33, and is very active in the Jaycee wing of Republican politics.

His parents were from Ypsi. His father, who is deceased, was an extraordinarily respected doctor. Robb is tight with the NBY crowd, but his new wife works for the YSB, so he has some friends there as well. Robb served on the State Youth Commission quite recently, and was appointed by Romney to replace O'Hara, another dentist, after the 1967 scandal.

Mildred Beatty SMITH is a Flint PhD and a black capitalist. She is happily married to a person of no special influence. She is very busy with black causes, and helped form the new black bank in Detroit. In fact, having that bank's president receive an honorary degree from EMU last year was her idea. She is an active Republican, of course.

George E. STRIPP is the last Regent, and has been discussed above. He replaced Lawrence, another lawyer, on the regents in '67. And Robb replaced O'Hara, both dentists; and Anderson replaced Habel, both from GM. Isn't that interesting?

This concludes Part I of "Who Rules Ypsilanti?" As you can see, most of the power resides in small cliques of men coming from banks.

Next issue our series continues with in-depth studies of the city government and the Ypsi and EMU police forces, as well as more on Ypsi's ruling-class families.

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